

# JEFFERY WEISMAN, JD, M.D., VOLUME II 9/14/2022

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 344</p> <p>1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI 2 EASTERN DIVISION 3 JEFFERY WEISMAN AND STRATEGIC BIOMEDICAL, INC., 4 Plaintiffs, 5 Cause No. 4:19-CV-00075-JAR 6 vs. 7 BARNES JEWISH-HOSPITAL, BJC HEALTHCARE, WASHINGTON 8 UNIVERSITY, DR. ALEX EVERS, DR. RICHARD BENZINGER, AND 9 DR. THOMAS COX, 10 Defendants. 11 VOLUME II VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JEFFERY WEISMAN, JD, M.D. 12 Taken on behalf of the Defendants September 14, 2022 13 Jo Ann Dickson, CCR 1085 14 (Whereupon, the deposition commenced at 9:06 a.m.) 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 346</p> <p>1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI 2 EASTERN DIVISION 3 JEFFERY WEISMAN AND 4 STRATEGIC BIOMEDICAL, INC., 5 Plaintiffs, 6 Cause No. 4:19-CV-00075-JAR 7 vs. 8 BARNES JEWISH-HOSPITAL, BJC HEALTHCARE, WASHINGTON 9 UNIVERSITY, DR. ALEX EVERS, DR. RICHARD BENZINGER, AND 10 DR. THOMAS COX, 11 Defendants. 12 13 CONTINUED VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF WITNESS, 14 JEFFERY WEISMAN, JD, M.D., produced, sworn, and examined on 15 the 14th day of September, 2022, between the hours of 9:06 16 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. of that day, at 191 West Port Plaza 17 Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, before JO ANN DICKSON, 18 Certified Court Reporter within and for the State of 19 Missouri, in a certain cause now pending before the United 20 States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 21 Eastern Division, wherein Jeffery Weisman, et al. are the 22 Plaintiffs, and Barnes Jewish-Hospital, et al. are the 23 Defendants. 24 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 345</p> <p>1 QUESTIONS BY: PAGE NO. 2 Cross-Examination by Mr. Nolan 349 Cross-Examination by Ms. Rutter 590 3 4 INDEX OF EXHIBITS 5 DEFENDANT'S PAGE MKD. NO. 6 Exhibit B1 Interrogatories 389 Exhibit B2 Supplemental 402 7 interrogatories Exhibit B3 JPEG images 451 8 Exhibit B4 Brief 504 Exhibit B5 Memorandum of appointment 515 9 Exhibit B6 Acceptance of memorandum 524 of appointment 10 Exhibit B7 Email 531 Exhibit B8 Email from NRMP 537 11 Exhibit B9 Email from NRMP 538 Exhibit B10 NRMP application 541 12 (Exhibits were attached to the transcript.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 347</p> <p>1 APPEARANCES 2 For the Plaintiffs: 3 Henry P. Elster, Esquire Elster Law Office, LLC 4 225 South Meramec Avenue, Suite 325 St. Louis, Missouri 63105 5 (314) 727-0868 Henry@elsterlawfirm.com 6 For the Plaintiffs: 7 Rachel Rutter, Esquire 8 Sherman Marek, Esquire Marek Weisman, LLC 9 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 3800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 10 Rrutter@marekweisman.com Smarek@marekweisman.com 11 For Defendants Washington University, Evers, 12 Benzinger &amp; Cox: 13 Kevin Anthony Sullivan, Esquire Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis &amp; Giljum, LLP 14 8235 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 700 St. Louis, Missouri 63105 15 (314) 241-3963 Ksullivan@shandselbert.com 16 For Defendants Barnes-Jewish Hospital 17 and BJC Healthcare: 18 Michael P. Nolan, Esquire Husch Blackwell, LLP 19 190 Carondelet Plaza, Suite 600 St. Louis, Missouri 63105 20 (314) 480-1500 Michael.nolan@huschblackwell.com 21 22 23 24 25</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 348</p> <p>1                   A P P E A R A N C E S</p> <p>2                   The Court Reporter:</p> <p>3                   Ms. Jo Ann Dickson</p> <p>4                   Lexitas Legal</p> <p>5                   711 North Eleventh Street</p> <p>6                   St. Louis, Missouri 63101</p> <p>7                   (314) 644-2191</p> <p>8                   The Videographer:</p> <p>9                   John Niehaus</p> <p>10                  Lexitas Legal</p> <p>11                  711 North Eleventh Street</p> <p>12                  St. Louis, Missouri 63101</p> <p>13                  (314) 644-2191</p> <p>14                  ALSO PRESENT:</p> <p>15                  CHRISTINE RAMATOWSKI</p> <p>16                  LISA WOOD</p> <p>17                  MARISSA ISRAEL</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 350</p> <p>1                   BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2                   <b>Q    Would you please state your name.</b></p> <p>3                   A    Jeffery Weisman.</p> <p>4                   <b>Q    Mr. Weisman, we met yesterday for the first</b></p> <p>5                   <b>time. You understand I'm an attorney representing BJC</b></p> <p>6                   <b>Healthcare and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in the lawsuit that</b></p> <p>7                   <b>you filed against them and other defendants, correct?</b></p> <p>8                   A    Correct.</p> <p>9                   <b>Q    Okay. You're an attorney, correct?</b></p> <p>10                  A    I am an attorney.</p> <p>11                  <b>Q    You went through law school?</b></p> <p>12                  A    Yes, I did.</p> <p>13                  <b>Q    Graduated?</b></p> <p>14                  A    I graduated law school.</p> <p>15                  <b>Q    And you practice as an attorney, don't you?</b></p> <p>16                  A    Well, at the moment I do some medical/legal</p> <p>17                  consulting work.</p> <p>18                  <b>Q    So you understand that this deposition is my</b></p> <p>19                  <b>opportunity to ask you about the facts upon which you base</b></p> <p>20                  <b>your claims, right?</b></p> <p>21                  A    I understand that's the purpose of a</p> <p>22                  deposition is to ask and answer questions.</p> <p>23                  <b>Q    Right. It's my only opportunity to ask you</b></p> <p>24                  <b>directly about the facts upon which you base your claims,</b></p> <p>25                  <b>right?</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 349</p> <p>1                   IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and</p> <p>2                   between counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendants,</p> <p>3                   that the continued videotaped deposition of JEFFERY</p> <p>4                   WEISMAN, JD, M.D. may be taken in shorthand by Jo Ann</p> <p>5                   Dickson, a certified shorthand reporter, and afterwards</p> <p>6                   transcribed into typewriting; and the signature of the</p> <p>7                   witness is expressly reserved.</p> <p>8                   *****</p> <p>9                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the record.</p> <p>10                  Today's date is September 14th, 2022 and the time is</p> <p>11                  approximately 9:06 a.m. This is the continued video</p> <p>12                  recorded deposition of Jeffery Weisman, M.D. in the matter</p> <p>13                  of Jeffery Weisman, et al. versus Barnes-Jewish Hospital,</p> <p>14                  et al, Case Number 4:19-CV-00075-JAR, in the United States</p> <p>15                  District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern</p> <p>16                  Division.</p> <p>17                  This deposition is being held at Sheraton</p> <p>18                  Westport Hotel in Saint Louis, Missouri. The reporter's</p> <p>19                  name is Jo Ann Dickson. My name is John Niehaus. I am the</p> <p>20                  legal videographer. We are with Lexitas Legal.</p> <p>21                  Would you please swear in the deponent.</p> <p>22                  JEFFERY WEISMAN,</p> <p>23                  of lawful age, being produced, sworn and examined on</p> <p>24                  behalf of the Defendants, deposes and says:</p> <p>25                  CROSS-EXAMINATION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 351</p> <p>1                   MR. MAREK: Objection, leading.</p> <p>2                   MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for -- calls for</p> <p>3                   a legal conclusion.</p> <p>4                   MR. MAREK: Yeah, interrogatories too.</p> <p>5                   But you can answer subject to that.</p> <p>6                   THE WITNESS: Okay. You know, you'll have to</p> <p>7                   talk to my attorneys on the times and dates to be able to</p> <p>8                   talk with me and things like.</p> <p>9                   BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>10                  <b>Q    Right. But you filed the lawsuit, right?</b></p> <p>11                  <b>It's filed in your name, correct?</b></p> <p>12                  A    My -- my -- I'm sorry, can -- what -- what is</p> <p>13                  the question?</p> <p>14                  <b>Q    You're a plaintiff in a lawsuit, yes?</b></p> <p>15                  A    Yes, I am a plaintiff in a lawsuit.</p> <p>16                  <b>Q    As an attorney you know what that involves,</b></p> <p>17                  <b>right?</b></p> <p>18                  MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>19                  conclusion.</p> <p>20                  THE WITNESS: Can -- can -- can you please</p> <p>21                  specify what you're looking at? It's a very open-ended</p> <p>22                  question.</p> <p>23                  BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24                  <b>Q    Well, you understand that when you file a</b></p> <p>25                  <b>lawsuit like this, the other side's attorneys get to ask</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 352</p> <p>1    <b>you questions about the facts upon which you base your</b>  2    <b>claims, yes?</b>  3        A    In -- in general, in a deposition you get to  4    ask questions and the person being deposed answers those  5    questions.  6        <b>Q    Yeah. Right. In other words, I'm not asking</b>  7    <b>you about where you went on vacation. I'm asking you about</b>  8    <b>the facts upon which you base your claims, right?</b>  9        MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation,  10   form of the question.  11        THE WITNESS: Yeah, I mean, I -- again, I'm  12   not sure what you're asking me to speculate on or --  13   BY MR. NOLAN:  14        <b>Q    Well -- well, let me ask you this, did you</b>  15   <b>prepare for today's deposition?</b>  16        A    I -- I met with my attorneys and --  17        <b>Q    How long did you meet with your attorneys?</b>  18        A    I met with my attorneys for, we had a -- I'm  19   trying to think of the exact day. We had a Teams meeting  20   last week.  21        <b>Q    How long?</b>  22        A    I don't recall the exact time. I think it was  23   a couple of hours.  24        <b>Q    Any other meetings with your attorneys to</b>  25   <b>prepare for today's deposition?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 354</p> <p>1    think, but --  2        MR. NOLAN: Right. I'm asking you --  3        MR. RUTTER: -- that's not how it's going to  4   go.  5        MR. ELSTER: You guys can --  6        MR. NOLAN: I'm asking you who is representing  7   the witness. I'm not going to sit here and argue with  8   three people.  9        MR. MAREK: We're not going to argue with you  10   either.  11        MR. NOLAN: You're already arguing.  12        MR. MAREK: Are you going to answer the  13   deponent's questions or not?  14        MR. NOLAN: I'm just asking you who is  15   representing the witness today.  16        MR. MAREK: Nobody's going to answer your  17   questions.  18        MR. NOLAN: Are you instructing your witness  19   not to answer that question?  20        MR. RUTTER: Yeah. You can ask him a question  21   about how long he met with his attorneys, that's fine. If  22   you're asking him what he did to prepare, I'm instructing  23   him not to answer that question, yes.  24        MR. NOLAN: I already asked that question and  25   you let him answer.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 353</p> <p>1        A    When you say meetings, do you mean just formal  2   meetings or just talking with them or -- because I have  3   lots of communications with my attorneys in general.  4        <b>Q    Sir, I'm asking you about what you did to</b>  5   <b>prepare for today's deposition. And I asked you if you had</b>  6   <b>any other meetings than the one you just described which</b>  7   <b>was a Teams meeting. And now you want to know what the</b>  8   <b>definition of meetings is, is that your question?</b>  9        MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.  10       MR. RUTTER: Also objection to the form of the  11   question in that the beginning part of that question is  12   you're asking him what he did to prepare for his  13   deposition, which is clearly framed and highly likely to go  14   into attorney/client privileged communications.  15        So if you want to ask him for how long he met  16   with his attorneys, that's fine. But if you're asking him  17   what he did to prepare, that's improper.  18        MR. NOLAN: No, it's not.  19        MR. RUTTER: It is improper.  20        MR. NOLAN: And I would ask that you guys  21   limit your objections to one attorney. I'd like to know  22   who's representing your witness in today's deposition. And  23   whoever that person is, they're the only person can make  24   objections.  25        MR. RUTTER: We understand that's what you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 355</p> <p>1        MR. RUTTER: Then asked and answered.  2        MR. NOLAN: He didn't completely answer it.  3   BY MR. NOLAN:  4        <b>Q    Other than that Teams meeting with your</b>  5   <b>attorneys, what other times did you meet with your</b>  6   <b>attorneys to prepare for today's deposition?</b>  7        A    I met with them on Monday.  8        <b>Q    Was that the Teams meeting?</b>  9        A    That wasn't the Teams meeting. The Teams  10   meeting was last week for a couple hours.  11        <b>Q    Okay.</b>  12        A    And I met with them on Monday for a few hours  13   to discuss.  14        <b>Q    Okay. All right. Other than those two</b>  15   <b>meetings, did you do anything else to prepare for today's</b>  16   <b>deposition?</b>  17        MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent it calls  18   for privileged information. Other than communications with  19   attorneys.  20        THE WITNESS: I -- the only other things I did  21   to prepare for the deposition, I skimmed my interrogatories  22   and I skimmed the complaint.  23   BY MR. NOLAN:  24        <b>Q    That's it?</b>  25        A    I believe that's all that we did for prep for</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 356</p> <p>1 a deposition.</p> <p>2 <b>Q And the reason I'm asking you this is because</b></p> <p>3 <b>I sat through your deposition yesterday when codefendants</b></p> <p>4 <b>counsel asked you questions, and there were a number of</b></p> <p>5 <b>very simple, basic questions which you said I don't know,</b></p> <p>6 <b>I'd have to go back and look at my notes.</b></p> <p>7 <b>Do you remember that line of questioning?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative, form.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I was asked lots of questions</p> <p>10 yesterday.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q And there were lots of time where you would</b></p> <p>13 <b>answer I don't know, I'd have to think about that. Do you</b></p> <p>14 <b>remember that?</b></p> <p>15 A There were -- there were many times when I</p> <p>16 said that these events happened years ago and it would be</p> <p>17 very helpful to look at documents and refresh my memory.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Okay. So other than your complaint and your</b></p> <p>19 <b>interrogatory answers, did you look at any of those other</b></p> <p>20 <b>documents to prepare for today's deposition?</b></p> <p>21 A That's what I looked at for -- that's what I</p> <p>22 looked at for preparation.</p> <p>23 <b>Q That's it?</b></p> <p>24 A I believe that's what I looked at for</p> <p>25 preparation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 358</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: I've given all the documents and</p> <p>2 materials that I had to my attorneys.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q Well, the reason that I ask is because</b></p> <p>5 <b>yesterday you were saying well, I have to refer to my notes</b></p> <p>6 <b>and think about that. Do you have notes that relate to the</b></p> <p>7 <b>facts of this case?</b></p> <p>8 A I don't have any notes.</p> <p>9 <b>Q Well, then why yesterday were you telling</b></p> <p>10 <b>Wash U's counsel that you'd have to look at your notes?</b></p> <p>11 A Well, there's a lot of documents where I wrote</p> <p>12 things going on. For example, as Wash -- as Attorney</p> <p>13 Sullivan showed yesterday, there was some emails that I</p> <p>14 wrote to myself at the time of. I don't have any notes</p> <p>15 and -- that I produced for this.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Why would you write notes on documents?</b></p> <p>17 A I didn't say I wrote notes on documents.</p> <p>18 You're misconstruing what I said. What I stated was,</p> <p>19 Attorney Sullivan gave me emails that I had -- that I had</p> <p>20 wrote at that time even to myself. I stated that I would</p> <p>21 have to look at emails or other documents to refresh</p> <p>22 myself. I have no notes that I've created for this</p> <p>23 deposition, sir, with all due respect.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Yesterday you told Wash U's counsel that you</b></p> <p>25 <b>would need to check your case logs to answer a question or</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 357</p> <p>1 <b>Q Okay. You didn't review the documents that</b></p> <p>2 <b>you contend are defamatory of you?</b></p> <p>3 A There's over 60,000 pieces of evidence.</p> <p>4 They're -- they're Bates stamped documents. There's no way</p> <p>5 for me to go review every single document. So there --</p> <p>6 there was no point in trying to review every single</p> <p>7 document. I read the interrogatories. I scanned the</p> <p>8 interrogatories, I scanned the complaint, and I prepped</p> <p>9 with my attorneys. That -- that's all that I did.</p> <p>10 <b>Q That's it?</b></p> <p>11 MR. MAREK: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: That's what I did to prepare for</p> <p>13 this deposition.</p> <p>14 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>15 <b>Q Are there any documents that you have that you</b></p> <p>16 <b>believe relate to your claims in this case that have not</b></p> <p>17 <b>been produced?</b></p> <p>18 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent that's</p> <p>19 for attorney/client information or work product</p> <p>20 information.</p> <p>21 You can answer subject to that.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I mean, you would -- you know,</p> <p>23 I've -- I have given all the documents and materials I had</p> <p>24 to my attorneys.</p> <p>25 (Reporter clarification.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 359</p> <p>1 <b>two that he had posed to you. Do you remember that?</b></p> <p>2 A I believe I stated I would have to look in my</p> <p>3 case logs.</p> <p>4 <b>Q What case logs?</b></p> <p>5 A Well, when you're a resident at Washington</p> <p>6 University, Saint Louis/Barnes, the consortium of them,</p> <p>7 when you do cases, you very often will log them. The ACGME</p> <p>8 has a case logger and you go in there and you log them.</p> <p>9 Also, Washington University/Barnes, the</p> <p>10 consortium, Barnes Hospital, your client, will send us</p> <p>11 schedules on a regular basis of where we're to rotate in</p> <p>12 the hospital, and those schedules can be changed last</p> <p>13 minute, so there's lot of activity and changes on them.</p> <p>14 Additionally -- I'm just trying to think --</p> <p>15 I'm sorry, I lost my thought for a second.</p> <p>16 But -- but more or less as far as there's case</p> <p>17 logs that we write and we -- we enter our cases when we're</p> <p>18 going through them. Sometimes you enter them that day,</p> <p>19 sometimes you enter them later, later in the month or the</p> <p>20 year. But I believe I entered my case logs into the ACGME</p> <p>21 portal.</p> <p>22 I -- that was per protocol and per the</p> <p>23 requirements of the residency to entire your cases. So</p> <p>24 those case logs, what's nice about them is, in general, if</p> <p>25 they're entered accurately, it gives the day -- it says the</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 360</p> <p>1 date and the case that you did and who you did it with.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Are you in possession of any of those case</b></p> <p>3 <b>logs?</b></p> <p>4 A I've given all those case logs to my</p> <p>5 attorneys.</p> <p>6 <b>Q And do you know if they've produced them?</b></p> <p>7 A I believe they have produced every -- you</p> <p>8 know, I can't -- I was not in charge of the production. I</p> <p>9 gave all the documents to my attorneys, and I -- you know,</p> <p>10 that's -- that's all I can do as, you know, as a plaintiff</p> <p>11 in a lawsuit, I give all the material and documents to my</p> <p>12 attorneys.</p> <p>13 <b>Q You gave them to your attorneys because you</b></p> <p>14 <b>knew they were responsive to the document request that were</b></p> <p>15 <b>propounded to you in this lawsuit, yes?</b></p> <p>16 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>17 conclusion.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I -- you know, as I stated, I</p> <p>19 gave my -- I gave all the documents my attorneys requested</p> <p>20 to them.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Yesterday you stated that back in February of</b></p> <p>23 <b>2017 you were working to obtain information that you</b></p> <p>24 <b>believe related to fraud and you sent those to an attorney.</b></p> <p>25 <b>Do you recall that testimony?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 362</p> <p>1 MR. RUTTER: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I guess I would like to know</p> <p>4 what -- when you say bullied, I'd like to know what you</p> <p>5 mean by that, sir.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q I said physically abused, and you asked me</b></p> <p>8 <b>what I meant by physically abused.</b></p> <p>9 A Yes. Can you please tell me your definition</p> <p>10 of physically abused so I can make sure that I answer the</p> <p>11 question.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Did anyone ever strike you?</b></p> <p>13 A Nobody ever struck me.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Did anyone ever touch you inappropriately?</b></p> <p>15 A Nobody ever touched me inappropriately.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Did anyone ever threaten to do bodily harm to</b></p> <p>17 <b>you?</b></p> <p>18 A I felt threatened at times by Joe Cras yelling</p> <p>19 at me in my face.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Did anyone ever threaten to do bodily harm to</b></p> <p>21 <b>you?</b></p> <p>22 A Nobody ever threatened -- nobody verbally ever</p> <p>23 threatened to harm me. There was lots of physical</p> <p>24 intimidation with certain faculty members that were yelling</p> <p>25 at me.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 361</p> <p>1 A Well, Mr. Sullivan interrupted and</p> <p>2 misconstrued it. I said that in February I retained an</p> <p>3 attorney.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Who was that attorney?</b></p> <p>5 A I returned -- I retained Sherman Marek, the</p> <p>6 Marek Law Office.</p> <p>7 <b>Q And why did you retain an attorney back in</b></p> <p>8 <b>February of 2017?</b></p> <p>9 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent that</p> <p>10 calls for privileged information. So don't disclose</p> <p>11 anything attorney/client communications.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I retained an attorney because I</p> <p>13 was being bullied and harassed and I had seen illegal</p> <p>14 activity at the hospital and I wanted to protect myself.</p> <p>15 So like most people do that are being bullied, abused,</p> <p>16 harassed to that level, I retained -- I retained an</p> <p>17 attorney.</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 <b>Q You said bullied, abused and harassed?</b></p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 <b>Q Okay. You weren't physically abused, were</b></p> <p>22 <b>you?</b></p> <p>23 A Can you explain what you mean by physically</p> <p>24 abused?</p> <p>25 <b>Q You really need a definition for that?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 363</p> <p>1 <b>Q Did anyone ever invade your personal space and</b></p> <p>2 <b>yell at you?</b></p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 <b>Q What do you consider personal space?</b></p> <p>5 A Well, personal space would depend on the</p> <p>6 situation. But certainly when somebody is inches away from</p> <p>7 your face yelling at you, I would consider that a violation</p> <p>8 of personal space, and I think many -- many would.</p> <p>9 <b>Q Who did that? Who was inches away from your</b></p> <p>10 <b>face yelling at you?</b></p> <p>11 A Joseph Cras.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Anyone else?</b></p> <p>13 A I have to think on it, but right now I recall</p> <p>14 Joseph Cras doing it.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Okay. As you here today, the only person that</b></p> <p>16 <b>you can think of that was within inches of your face</b></p> <p>17 <b>yelling at you was Joseph Cras, yes?</b></p> <p>18 A Right now that's what my memory recalls. I'm</p> <p>19 more than happy to think of the hundreds of interactions</p> <p>20 and hundreds of faculty members, but right now that's what</p> <p>21 comes to mind.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Okay. How many times did Dr. Cras get within</b></p> <p>23 <b>inches of your face and yell at you?</b></p> <p>24 A Well, if you worked with him, he -- in my case</p> <p>25 when I worked with him --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 364</p> <p>1       <b>Q I just asked how many times.</b></p> <p>2       A Okay. Give me a moment to think. I worked</p> <p>3 with him for several days and he was consistently in my</p> <p>4 face yelling at me and harassing me. It was -- it was</p> <p>5 ongoing and continuous.</p> <p>6       He would -- he'd come in and out of a room.</p> <p>7 He'd -- I'd go to preop and talk with him, I'd go to</p> <p>8 post-op and talk with him. That was just, you know,</p> <p>9 something that's open and notorious. I don't know if</p> <p>10 you -- you know, I'm just trying to think of a number. I'd</p> <p>11 have to think on it. It happened a long time ago and it</p> <p>12 happened multiple times.</p> <p>13       <b>Q Well, okay, you said multiple times. I'm</b></p> <p>14 <b>asking how many.</b></p> <p>15       A Well, I -- I'd have to think on it again.</p> <p>16       <b>Q Over 10?</b></p> <p>17       A Again, I'd have to think on it to give you an</p> <p>18 exact number sir.</p> <p>19       <b>Q Over 20?</b></p> <p>20       A Again, I'd have to think on it to give you an</p> <p>21 exact number, sir.</p> <p>22       <b>Q Over 20?</b></p> <p>23       A Again, I'd have to think on it to give you an</p> <p>24 exact number, sir.</p> <p>25       <b>Q Was anyone else ever present when Dr. Cras was</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 366</p> <p>1 look at notes and materials to refresh my memory.</p> <p>2       <b>Q Did you make any notes regarding these</b></p> <p>3 <b>interactions with Dr. Cras?</b></p> <p>4       A I believe mister -- I believe Attorney</p> <p>5 Sullivan showed me one of those notes that I wrote</p> <p>6 yesterday, talking about him behaving inappropriately.</p> <p>7       <b>Q Did those notes that Mr. Sullivan showed you,</b></p> <p>8 <b>did they say anything about him being inches, within inches</b></p> <p>9 <b>of your face and yelling at you?</b></p> <p>10       A Well, I'd like to take a look at the documents</p> <p>11 right now. Let's go through them.</p> <p>12       <b>Q Well, you just looked at it yesterday. Do you</b></p> <p>13 <b>remember anything in there about inches away from your face</b></p> <p>14 <b>yelling at you?</b></p> <p>15       A I looked at hundreds of pages of documents</p> <p>16 yesterday in seven hours of deposition. If you want me to</p> <p>17 quote those -- those documents, we'd have to go pull them</p> <p>18 up. I'm -- I'm very happy to do so, to go through them</p> <p>19 again.</p> <p>20       <b>Q Did you make a complaint to anyone about</b></p> <p>21 <b>Dr. Cras getting within inches of your face and yelling at</b></p> <p>22 <b>you?</b></p> <p>23       A I believe I -- I'm thinking who I spoke with.</p> <p>24 I had told Richard Benzinger about Dr. Cras' behavior. I'm</p> <p>25 trying to think if I -- I'm trying to think if there's an</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 365</p> <p>1 <b>within inches of your face yelling at you?</b></p> <p>2       A There were other -- depending on the location.</p> <p>3 Sometimes he spoke with me in an empty operating room.</p> <p>4 Other times it was in preop or post-op. There's lots of</p> <p>5 nurses and techs that float around the hospital that -- so</p> <p>6 he's known to yell at people. You can go talk to your</p> <p>7 client and other people at the hospital and get that</p> <p>8 information.</p> <p>9       <b>Q Please give me the names of anyone that was</b></p> <p>10 <b>ever present when Dr. Cras was within inches of your face</b></p> <p>11 <b>yelling at you.</b></p> <p>12       A Well, I would need to get -- it would be very</p> <p>13 helpful if you give me a staff list of who the nurses were</p> <p>14 that day. I don't -- at this time I don't recall the names</p> <p>15 of the nurses that were in the hospital and preop, post-op</p> <p>16 during days I worked with Joe Cras.</p> <p>17       And to be completely honest, without looking</p> <p>18 at my case logs or records, I don't even remember years</p> <p>19 later from 20 -- from fall of 2017 what exact days I worked</p> <p>20 with Dr. Cras.</p> <p>21       <b>Q So as you sit here today, you can't give me</b></p> <p>22 <b>the name of any witness to this alleged action by Dr. Cras</b></p> <p>23 <b>where he was within inches of your face yelling at you, is</b></p> <p>24 <b>that fair?</b></p> <p>25       A Right now I can't remember it. I'm happy to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 367</p> <p>1 email of it as well. I'd have to again go through</p> <p>2 documents to see.</p> <p>3       But Dr. Benzinger and I believe anybody else I</p> <p>4 would have spoken with has just said that's just Dr. Cras,</p> <p>5 his behavior, you're just going to have to deal with it,</p> <p>6 and oh, that's Joe.</p> <p>7       There may very well be an email from</p> <p>8 Dr. Benzinger in there, but, again, there's tens of</p> <p>9 thousands of emails in discovery I'd have to go through to</p> <p>10 see if I can find that, sir.</p> <p>11       <b>Q Did you ever make a written complaint to</b></p> <p>12 <b>anyone about Dr. Cras' behavior?</b></p> <p>13       A As I said, I don't recall if it was in</p> <p>14 writing. I -- I do recall that I did talk with others</p> <p>15 about Dr. Cras' behavior, and I'm sure I talked with some</p> <p>16 of my co-residents at the time. We would check, again,</p> <p>17 out -- the other co-residents. There's 20 people in a</p> <p>18 class. They'd, you know, go out for lunch or dinner on the</p> <p>19 weekends and they talk. I'm very sure that I've told</p> <p>20 others about his behavior.</p> <p>21       <b>Q There is a formal complaint system at BJH,</b></p> <p>22 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>23       MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>24 question. If you're asking him if there's a formal</p> <p>25 complaint system now, I don't think he has -- I mean, maybe</p>

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<p>Page 368</p> <p>1 he does know, but you're asking him when he worked there --</p> <p>2 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>3 <b>Q Let me withdraw that question and ask you</b></p> <p>4 <b>another question.</b></p> <p>5 <b>When you were at BJH in the residency program,</b></p> <p>6 <b>you were aware that there was a formal complaint system,</b></p> <p>7 <b>yes?</b></p> <p>8 A I don't recall if there was one specific</p> <p>9 formal complaint system. I tried to complain multiple</p> <p>10 times to multiple people. For example, I met with -- I</p> <p>11 emailed Nicole Erter that I wanted to meet with her --</p> <p>12 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Nicole Erter, E-R-T-E-R. And</p> <p>14 then Nicole, N-I-C-O-L-E.</p> <p>15 And I emailed Nicole Erter that I wanted to</p> <p>16 meet with her and Attorney Ramatowski. And I believe</p> <p>17 there's an email of that floating around.</p> <p>18 I -- I would assume, like most academic</p> <p>19 centers, there's many complaint processes that can be</p> <p>20 considered formal. Many -- many academic centers have tip</p> <p>21 hotlines. Many academic centers, I believe, have office of</p> <p>22 access and equity. Many academic centers have offices for</p> <p>23 ADA compliance. A big -- I am quite sure that a big center</p> <p>24 like Barnes has multiple ways to complain or say something.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Page 370</p> <p>1 MR. RUTTER: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Objection.</p> <p>3 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q I want to know what you heard, what you saw.</b></p> <p>6 <b>Do you understand?</b></p> <p>7 A I -- I'm going through and talking about it.</p> <p>8 If your hospital wants to have doctors --</p> <p>9 <b>Q Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>10 A -- that sexually harass patients there and not</p> <p>11 do anything and make them ethics directors for a department</p> <p>12 and then have them go around saying they've been accused</p> <p>13 multiple times, that's Barnes Hospital's problem.</p> <p>14 <b>Q You stated that you retained Mr. Marek back in</b></p> <p>15 <b>February of 2017. What were the terms of that engagement?</b></p> <p>16 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent that</p> <p>17 calls for privileged communication.</p> <p>18 MR. NOLAN: It doesn't.</p> <p>19 MR. ELSTER: Well, hold on.</p> <p>20 Well, to the extent it calls for privileged</p> <p>21 communications regarding the subject matter of the</p> <p>22 representation and where do you find the --</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Are you asking for the -- are</p> <p>24 you asking to see the retainer agreement?</p> <p>25</p>
<p>Page 369</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Multiple formal channels through which you can</b></p> <p>3 <b>complain, correct?</b></p> <p>4 A There's multiple formal channels that you can</p> <p>5 complain, and most people don't use them because they're</p> <p>6 terrified of retaliation and what will happen if -- if you</p> <p>7 complain and you say things about powerful people. Look at</p> <p>8 what happened who tried to --</p> <p>9 <b>Q I would appreciate it if you would not</b></p> <p>10 <b>speculate about what other people do and don't do and the</b></p> <p>11 <b>reasons therefore. Do you understand?</b></p> <p>12 MR. MAREK: Objection.</p> <p>13 MR. NOLAN: Do you understand that?</p> <p>14 MR. MAREK: Objection.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm merely stating -- i</p> <p>16 think that's very factual. It's very well-known. I've</p> <p>17 talked to people that say I don't -- they -- they don't</p> <p>18 want to complain against powerful doctors.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q I'm here to ask you questions about your</b></p> <p>21 <b>personal knowledge that relate to the facts of this case.</b></p> <p>22 <b>Do you understand?</b></p> <p>23 A I -- I understand what you're saying.</p> <p>24 <b>Q I don't care about your baseless conspiracy</b></p> <p>25 <b>theories or your speculation --</b></p>	<p>Page 371</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Was it on a contingency fee basis or hourly?</b></p> <p>3 A You'll have to talk to my attorneys on that.</p> <p>4 <b>Q I'm not talking to your attorneys. I'm</b></p> <p>5 <b>talking to you.</b></p> <p>6 A Okay. I told you, you'll have to talk to my</p> <p>7 attorneys.</p> <p>8 <b>Q Are you refusing to answer my question?</b></p> <p>9 A The terms of my representation with an</p> <p>10 attorney is privileged attorney/client information, sir.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Your attorney's not making that objection.</b></p> <p>12 MR. ELSTER: I have made the objection. I</p> <p>13 asked him to the extent it calls for --</p> <p>14 MR. NOLAN: Are you instructing your witness</p> <p>15 not to answer that question?</p> <p>16 MR. ELSTER: When you say terms, what do you</p> <p>17 mean?</p> <p>18 MR. NOLAN: I just asked him was it</p> <p>19 contingency or hourly.</p> <p>20 Are you directing him not to answer?</p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: I am directing him not to answer.</p> <p>22 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23 <b>Q Are you going to follow your attorney's</b></p> <p>24 <b>advice?</b></p> <p>25 A I -- I'm not going to answer on the terms of</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 372</p> <p>1 my representation with my lawyer. That's very personal --</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: I'd also lodge an additional</p> <p>3 objection to discoverability. That's not proportional with</p> <p>4 the needs of this case.</p> <p>5 MR. NOLAN: Because you know it's not a valid</p> <p>6 attorney/client privilege objection.</p> <p>7 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>8 <b>Q All right. You claim that you retained</b></p> <p>9 <b>Mr. Malek [sic] back in February of 2017. That was roughly</b></p> <p>10 <b>several months into your residency program, correct?</b></p> <p>11 A Well, I started the residency program in June</p> <p>12 of 2016, so Mr. Marek was -- so as I said, I retained legal</p> <p>13 counsel in February of 2017, so that was, as you said,</p> <p>14 several months into it.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Okay. And did you retain Mr. Malek because</b></p> <p>16 <b>you believed there was fraud going on?</b></p> <p>17 A I retained Mr. Marek for -- for the reasons I</p> <p>18 felt that I needed to have legal representation.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Okay. That doesn't respond to my question.</b></p> <p>20 <b>Did -- did you retain him because you thought that there</b></p> <p>21 <b>was fraud going on?</b></p> <p>22 A I did think there was fraud going on at the</p> <p>23 hospital.</p> <p>24 <b>Q And is the basic nature of the alleged fraud</b></p> <p>25 <b>basically what you talked to Mr. Sullivan about yesterday?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 374</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: I'm saying that I retained my</p> <p>2 attorneys because I felt I needed legal representation,</p> <p>3 just like many other Americans do.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Did you feel that there was fraud going on</b></p> <p>6 <b>back in February of 2017?</b></p> <p>7 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>8 conclusion.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: You'd have to talk to my</p> <p>10 attorneys. I retained my attorneys because I felt there</p> <p>11 was improper activities going on and I needed legal</p> <p>12 representation.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Did you believe some of the improper</b></p> <p>15 <b>activities were fraud?</b></p> <p>16 A Again, you'll have to talk to my attorneys as</p> <p>17 I've already told you.</p> <p>18 <b>Q I'm not talking to your attorneys. I'm</b></p> <p>19 <b>talking to you. This is my opportunity to depose you. You</b></p> <p>20 <b>understand that, right?</b></p> <p>21 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I completely understand</p> <p>23 this is my opportunity to be deposed by you.</p> <p>24 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>25 <b>Q Did you believe there was fraud going on back</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 373</p> <p>1 A Could you specify? I talked to Mr. Sullivan</p> <p>2 about a lot yesterday.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Right. The subject matter of the lawsuit.</b></p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>5 conclusion, form of the question, vague?</p> <p>6 MR. ELSTER: Objection.</p> <p>7 MR. NOLAN: Come on.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: You'll have to talk to my</p> <p>9 attorneys if you want to know the -- the reason I retained</p> <p>10 them.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q I'm asking you.</b></p> <p>13 A I'm -- I'm saying I retained my attorneys</p> <p>14 because I felt I needed to get legal counsel. That is my</p> <p>15 answer.</p> <p>16 <b>Q You already told me 10 minutes ago that you</b></p> <p>17 <b>retained them because you said something about fraud and</b></p> <p>18 <b>illegal activity. Do you remember that?</b></p> <p>19 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q And now you're telling me you're not going to</b></p> <p>22 <b>answer my questions?</b></p> <p>23 A I'm not saying I'm not going to answer your</p> <p>24 questions.</p> <p>25 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 375</p> <p>1 <b>in February of 2017?</b></p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>3 conclusion.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: I retained my legal counsel</p> <p>5 because I felt that I needed legal counsel because of</p> <p>6 activities going on in the hospital.</p> <p>7 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>8 <b>Q That didn't answer my question. Listen very</b></p> <p>9 <b>carefully, please. Did you believe there was fraud going</b></p> <p>10 <b>on back in 2017?</b></p> <p>11 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered,</p> <p>12 calls for a legal conclusion.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: As I've said, I retained my</p> <p>14 attorneys because I felt there was improper activity going</p> <p>15 on at the hospital and I needed legal counsel.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Do you understand my question? I'm not asking</b></p> <p>18 <b>you about why you retained your attorneys. I'm asking you</b></p> <p>19 <b>did you believe there was fraud going on back in February</b></p> <p>20 <b>of 2017.</b></p> <p>21 MR. MAREK: Same objections.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I retained my attorneys because</p> <p>23 I felt there was improper activities of the hospital and I</p> <p>24 wanted legal counsel.</p> <p>25 MR. NOLAN: I'd like the record to reflect</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 376</p> <p>1 that the witness is refusing to answer my question and</p> <p>2 we'll be moving for sanctions.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q What illegal activity did you believe was</b></p> <p>5 <b>going on back in February of 2017?</b></p> <p>6 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>7 conclusion.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: As I said, I saw activities that</p> <p>9 I thought were illegal and I wanted to get legal counsel to</p> <p>10 represent me and my interests.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q What -- what activities did you think were</b></p> <p>13 <b>illegal?</b></p> <p>14 A As I said, I retained legal counsel to protect</p> <p>15 myself and my interests.</p> <p>16 <b>Q That's not what I'm asking you. What</b></p> <p>17 <b>activities did you see that you thought were illegal?</b></p> <p>18 A As I said, you're asking me to give a legal</p> <p>19 conclusion. I retained counsel to protect my interests</p> <p>20 because I thought there was improper activities going on at</p> <p>21 the hospital.</p> <p>22 <b>Q And I'm asking you -- you telling me you saw</b></p> <p>23 <b>what you thought were illegal activities. I'm asking you</b></p> <p>24 <b>what they were.</b></p> <p>25 A And I'm answering. I said I hired legal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 378</p> <p>1 MR. ELSTER: Okay.</p> <p>2 THE COURT REPORTER: -- yeah, you have to kind</p> <p>3 of go one at a time here. Thank you.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Did you provide any documents that you</b></p> <p>6 <b>obtained during your residency to your attorneys?</b></p> <p>7 A Per discovery orders I provided documents to</p> <p>8 my attorneys.</p> <p>9 <b>Q How about before the lawsuit was filed?</b></p> <p>10 A Well, to -- to file a lawsuit most attorneys</p> <p>11 want to see documents and evidence and then they will go</p> <p>12 write a complaint and file a lawsuit. So clearly I would</p> <p>13 have given evidence and proof to my attorneys of my</p> <p>14 contention for a lawsuit before it was filed.</p> <p>15 <b>Q So your answer is yes?</b></p> <p>16 A Did I -- have I given documents to my</p> <p>17 attorneys, yes, I have.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Before the lawsuit was filed?</b></p> <p>19 A Yes, I've given documents --</p> <p>20 <b>Q Yes.</b></p> <p>21 A -- to my attorneys before a lawsuit was filed.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Thank you. You know, this process will go a</b></p> <p>23 <b>lot quicker if you just give a yes or no answer.</b></p> <p>24 MR. RUTTER: It would also go a lot quicker if</p> <p>25 you wouldn't make those types of comments that are</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 377</p> <p>1 counsel because I felt there were improper activities going</p> <p>2 on at the hospital to protect my interests.</p> <p>3 MR. NOLAN: Again, let the record reflect that</p> <p>4 the witness is refusing to answer my questions and we'll be</p> <p>5 moving for sanctions.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q Back in February of 2017, did you gather any</b></p> <p>8 <b>documents or data that you thought related to fraud or</b></p> <p>9 <b>illegal activity?</b></p> <p>10 A I didn't -- I said in February of 2017 I</p> <p>11 retained legal counsel. I did not gather any documents at</p> <p>12 that point.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Did you send any documents or data to your</b></p> <p>14 <b>counsel, Mr. Malek, back in February of 2017?</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Objection --</p> <p>16 MR. MAREK: I'm sorry. The record is going to</p> <p>17 reflect Marek and Malek back and forth. So you might want</p> <p>18 to ask about the correct name if you want to use this</p> <p>19 record.</p> <p>20 THE COURT REPORTER: And did you --</p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Yeah, I made an attorney/client</p> <p>22 privilege objection, asking for communications to an</p> <p>23 attorney.</p> <p>24 THE COURT REPORTER: And so if you guys want</p> <p>25 me to get your objections --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 379</p> <p>1 completely unnecessary.</p> <p>2 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>3 <b>Q Do you understand that I'm limited to five</b></p> <p>4 <b>hours with you today?</b></p> <p>5 A Yes, and you're limited because you guys tried</p> <p>6 to do this deposition at a workers' comp one hour</p> <p>7 deposition, which is why you're limited.</p> <p>8 <b>Q I would appreciate it if you would limit your</b></p> <p>9 <b>responses to the scope of my question so that this will go</b></p> <p>10 <b>a lot quicker. Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>11 A And I would appreciate it if your client</p> <p>12 stopped harassing and blacklisting me. I'm more than happy</p> <p>13 to be deposed and answer questions.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Yeah, okay. All right. Did you provide any</b></p> <p>15 <b>documents that you obtained during your residency program</b></p> <p>16 <b>before -- to your attorneys before you resigned from that</b></p> <p>17 <b>program?</b></p> <p>18 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent that</p> <p>19 calls for privileged communications.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I would have to think on exactly</p> <p>21 what I provided to my attorneys, but I would -- I was in</p> <p>22 touch with attorneys before I resigned from my program.</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24 <b>Q Okay. But I'm asking you what documents or</b></p> <p>25 <b>data you had collected from the program during your time at</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 380</p> <p>1 the program that you provided to your attorneys.</p> <p>2 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>3 question. It's vague.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 Q Do you understand that? Do you understand</p> <p>6 that?</p> <p>7 A So you're asking me if I provided any document</p> <p>8 to any attorney before I resigned?</p> <p>9 Q Yes.</p> <p>10 A Yes. I was in communication with attorneys</p> <p>11 and provided them, you know -- I was in communication with</p> <p>12 attorneys.</p> <p>13 Q What documents did you provide to them before</p> <p>14 you resigned?</p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent it calls</p> <p>16 for privileged communications.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Here again I would have to think</p> <p>18 on what documents I provided to them.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Well, so let's -- let's think about</p> <p>21 this. Back in February of 2017 you were already of the</p> <p>22 belief that there was fraudulent and illegal activity going</p> <p>23 on such that you had hired attorneys, correct?</p> <p>24 A I retained --</p> <p>25 MR. MAREK: Objection, calls for a legal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 382</p> <p>1 those questions?</p> <p>2 A I -- I understand, and you're asking me what I</p> <p>3 gave to my attorneys and talked with my attorneys about.</p> <p>4 Q I'm now asking -- no. I'm asking you what</p> <p>5 documents you collected while you were at the residency</p> <p>6 program that you believe related to fraud or illegal</p> <p>7 activity.</p> <p>8 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>9 conclusion and invades attorney/client privilege and work</p> <p>10 product.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Again, I said -- I told you, I</p> <p>12 retained counsel and I worked with counsel.</p> <p>13 MR. NOLAN: That wasn't my question. What</p> <p>14 documents did you collect, that was my question.</p> <p>15 MR. RUTTER: Same objection.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I'm just saying I -- I retained</p> <p>17 counsel and I worked with counsel.</p> <p>18 MR. NOLAN: Let the record reflect he's</p> <p>19 refusing to answer my question. We'll move for sanctions.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 Q Before you left the residency program, did you</p> <p>22 talk to anyone other than your attorneys about what you</p> <p>23 believe to be fraudulent or illegal activity?</p> <p>24 A I believe I spoke with Gary Hammen. Gary</p> <p>25 Hammen also had very -- had concerns about activities going</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 381</p> <p>1 conclusion.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: To the extent of, yes, I hired</p> <p>3 attorneys in February because I felt I needed legal</p> <p>4 representation.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 Q And if you thought that there was evidence</p> <p>7 that would show fraud or illegal activity, you certainly</p> <p>8 would have collected it, yes?</p> <p>9 A I would have -- I was on the lookout for any</p> <p>10 evidence that showed activities that were inappropriate.</p> <p>11 Q And you would have collected it, yes?</p> <p>12 A Is this a specific thing you're referring to?</p> <p>13 Q No. I'm just asking you, you would have</p> <p>14 collected it, yes? If you thought it was evidence of fraud</p> <p>15 or illegal activity, you would have collected it, yes?</p> <p>16 A It -- it would depend on -- you know, this is</p> <p>17 a very broad question. What type of a document are we</p> <p>18 talking about?</p> <p>19 Q I don't know. You haven't told me yet. I</p> <p>20 wouldn't know.</p> <p>21 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>22 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23 Q I can't tell what documents, what specific</p> <p>24 documents you collected while you were at the residency</p> <p>25 program. You understand this is my opportunity to ask you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 383</p> <p>1 on at the hospital. And depending on what activity -- what</p> <p>2 type of bullying, harassment and improper activities, I</p> <p>3 believe I talked with many faculty members about different</p> <p>4 activities that I had seen going on.</p> <p>5 I believe I talked to different</p> <p>6 administrators. I talked to Nicole Erter. I talked to</p> <p>7 Rebecca McAlister. I talked to Tia Drake. I talked to</p> <p>8 many people. I talked to Ombudsman James Fehr, who your</p> <p>9 ombudsman left because of improper activities and went to</p> <p>10 Stanford. I talked to your other ombudsman who was --</p> <p>11 yeah, I talked with other individuals about concerns that I</p> <p>12 had. I had a very wide variety of concerns.</p> <p>13 Q Anyone else that you reported your concerns</p> <p>14 to?</p> <p>15 A I'm sure if I was given -- given a list of</p> <p>16 people that I -- that I worked with and saw, that there's a</p> <p>17 lot I spoke with about different things going on.</p> <p>18 For example, I told Dr. Tseng, one of your</p> <p>19 dermatology -- I talked with Dr. Tseng, one of your</p> <p>20 dermatology residents that I was rotating with in internal</p> <p>21 medicine, when -- when Melvin Blanchard asked me to be</p> <p>22 engaged in immigration fraud issue.</p> <p>23 That was when Dr. Tseng's visa expired. And</p> <p>24 Melvin Blanchard said that what we were going to do was she</p> <p>25 couldn't be there as a worker and her immigration attorney</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 384</p> <p>1 said she couldn't be there, so he wanted me to give her my</p> <p>2 log-in credentials so she could pretend to be a med student</p> <p>3 and then just go and log-in and see patients.</p> <p>4 And I talked -- that was one incident. I</p> <p>5 talked to Dr. Tseng about, I recommend she have her</p> <p>6 immigration attorney call counsel at BJC in Wash U, which</p> <p>7 they did, and then who yelled at the program director for</p> <p>8 internal medicine you could not have somebody engage in</p> <p>9 immigration fraud. So, again, there were lots of</p> <p>10 inappropriate things going on there that I wanted to not</p> <p>11 participate in.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Did you report any, what you believed to be</b></p> <p>13 <b>illegal activities, to any governmental agency or</b></p> <p>14 <b>government department?</b></p> <p>15 A I -- which -- which activities are we</p> <p>16 referring to? Just any activities?</p> <p>17 <b>Q Yeah, any illegal activities.</b></p> <p>18 A I've -- I did talk about activities to the</p> <p>19 EEOC, the Equal Opportunity -- you know, the EEOC, and I</p> <p>20 met with them. And I also contacted, at one point I</p> <p>21 contacted the FBI, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.</p> <p>22 <b>Q When was that?</b></p> <p>23 A I believe I spoke about -- I believe I spoke</p> <p>24 with an FBI agent the first time about things going on back</p> <p>25 in probably February or March of 2018 I believe.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 386</p> <p>1 have been last -- last summer, probably June, July, August</p> <p>2 of 2021.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Did you produce those documents in this case?</b></p> <p>4 A I gave all documents I had to my attorneys.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Did you produce those documents that you just</b></p> <p>6 <b>discussed to your attorneys?</b></p> <p>7 A I -- I gave all documents that I have to my</p> <p>8 attorneys and they've represented me and produced or done</p> <p>9 anything that was required and necessary.</p> <p>10 <b>Q So, in other words, if -- any documents that</b></p> <p>11 <b>you provided to the FBI, if they've not been produced in</b></p> <p>12 <b>this case, it would be because your attorneys chose not to</b></p> <p>13 <b>produce them, yes?</b></p> <p>14 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative. And</p> <p>15 we're still in the course and scope of discovery.</p> <p>16 MR. NOLAN: Yes?</p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I -- I -- again, I have no</p> <p>19 knowledge of my attorneys' productions. They've done</p> <p>20 productions on their own.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you have any written correspondence with</b></p> <p>23 <b>anyone at the FBI about these matters?</b></p> <p>24 A About -- are you talking -- so I -- I've had</p> <p>25 phone calls with the -- with the Federal Bureau of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 385</p> <p>1 <b>Q Why did you talk to someone at the FBI back in</b></p> <p>2 <b>February or March of 2018?</b></p> <p>3 A Well, that specific situation resolved to the</p> <p>4 sham referrals that Wash U was -- and Barnes were doing to</p> <p>5 doctors, to the Missouri Physicians Health Program to try</p> <p>6 to tarnish their reputations for whistleblowers or people</p> <p>7 talking about -- about anything that was inappropriate.</p> <p>8 And there was actually two KSDK news stories that came out</p> <p>9 on that, I believe, in 2019.</p> <p>10 <b>Q You're talking about the PHP Program?</b></p> <p>11 A Yes, the Missouri Physicians Health Program</p> <p>12 and Wash U and Barnes referral doctors that reported</p> <p>13 improper activity to tarnish their reputations and silence</p> <p>14 them.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Did you provide any documents to the FBI</b></p> <p>16 <b>related to the allegations about the sham referrals to the</b></p> <p>17 <b>PHP?</b></p> <p>18 A I didn't provide documents to the FBI at that</p> <p>19 point in time.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Did you at any other point in time?</b></p> <p>21 A In the work that I've done I've provided</p> <p>22 documents to the FBI about sham PHP referrals.</p> <p>23 <b>Q When was that?</b></p> <p>24 A I'd have to check dates, but I believe I sent</p> <p>25 one task force information back in, I believe that would</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 387</p> <p>1 Investigations.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Do you understand what written correspondence</b></p> <p>3 <b>means?</b></p> <p>4 A Please feel free to enlighten me.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Do you need me to enlighten you about what</b></p> <p>6 <b>written correspondence means?</b></p> <p>7 A Are we talking about letters or -- this isn't</p> <p>8 a written correspondence. This is typed-written, but it's</p> <p>9 not a letter or a handwritten note.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Well, thank you. I do believe you know what</b></p> <p>11 <b>written correspondence means. So did you have any written</b></p> <p>12 <b>correspondence with the FBI?</b></p> <p>13 A I've -- I've had to -- I've had written</p> <p>14 correspondence with the FBI --</p> <p>15 <b>Q Okay. Did you produce that?</b></p> <p>16 A -- about -- about matters involving Physicians</p> <p>17 Health Program, and I've given all documents I have to my</p> <p>18 attorneys.</p> <p>19 <b>Q So you've given your written correspondence</b></p> <p>20 <b>with the FBI to your attorneys, is that what you're saying?</b></p> <p>21 A All that I'm saying is that any documents</p> <p>22 related to this case that I've had, I have given to my</p> <p>23 attorneys.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Including written correspondence with the FBI?</b></p> <p>25 A As I said, I've given everything I have in</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 388</p> <p>1 this case -- I'm just saying, everything I have involving</p> <p>2 this case I've given to my attorneys. We've given you over</p> <p>3 60, 70,000 pages of documents.</p> <p>4 <b>Q So if it's -- if it hasn't been produced, it's</b></p> <p>5 <b>because your attorneys chose not to produce them?</b></p> <p>6 MR. MAREK: Objection, argumentative, legal</p> <p>7 conclusion as to discovery requests and obligations.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: And, again, I'm not the attorney</p> <p>9 running the case and representing on this case. I just</p> <p>10 said I've given all documents to my attorneys.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q Okay. Have you reported any other alleged</b></p> <p>13 <b>malfeasance to any other governmental agency?</b></p> <p>14 A I believe, to the best of my knowledge, it has</p> <p>15 been to the EEOC and to -- and talking with the FBI on</p> <p>16 Physician Health Program activities.</p> <p>17 I'm trying to think if there's any other</p> <p>18 government agency that I've contacted. And from some of</p> <p>19 the work that I do, I've talked to different government</p> <p>20 agencies in the past. But I believe, to the best of my</p> <p>21 memory, those are the agencies that I had reported to.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you disclose your communications with the</b></p> <p>23 <b>FBI in your interrogatory answers in this case?</b></p> <p>24 A Well, let's go to the interrogatory answers.</p> <p>25 My attorneys put those together and wrote them.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 390</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Handing you what's been marked Exhibit B1. Do</b></p> <p>3 <b>you recognize that document?</b></p> <p>4 A This appears to be the interrogatories. And</p> <p>5 what date are these?</p> <p>6 THE COURT REPORTER: I need you to speak up,</p> <p>7 please.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry.</p> <p>9 THE COURT REPORTER: That's okay.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: This document appears to be the</p> <p>11 interrogatories. And I believe this one was filed on --</p> <p>12 sorry, was this from March 31st of 2021? I know there's</p> <p>13 been some updates to them.</p> <p>14 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>15 <b>Q Thank you. And would you turn to the second</b></p> <p>16 <b>to last page. Do you see that? You signed under the</b></p> <p>17 <b>verification section?</b></p> <p>18 A Yes, I see my signature there.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Okay. And when you signed it, you signed</b></p> <p>20 <b>under the verification which states, under penalties as</b></p> <p>21 <b>provided by law, the undersigned certifies that the</b></p> <p>22 <b>statements set forth in this instrument are true and</b></p> <p>23 <b>correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on</b></p> <p>24 <b>information and belief, and as to such matters, the</b></p> <p>25 <b>undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 389</p> <p>1 MR. MAREK: You need to clarify whether all of</p> <p>2 these contacts with the FBI related to your case or were</p> <p>3 they related to the representation --</p> <p>4 MR. SULLIVAN: You're not entitled to ask --</p> <p>5 you're not entitled to ask questions at this point.</p> <p>6 MR. MAREK: You want to be able to use this</p> <p>7 record, right? So I'm trying to help you with this.</p> <p>8 MR. NOLAN: Please stop trying to coach your</p> <p>9 witness.</p> <p>10 MR. MAREK: I'm not coaching anybody.</p> <p>11 MR. RUTTER: Well, the record would --</p> <p>12 MR. MAREK: I'm not talking to him.</p> <p>13 MR. NOLAN: You're limited to making</p> <p>14 objections --</p> <p>15 MR. MAREK: What I'm telling you is that --</p> <p>16 MR. NOLAN: -- concise objections.</p> <p>17 MR. MAREK: Okay. All right. If you want to</p> <p>18 use the record, then you should straighten it out. If you</p> <p>19 don't want to use it, then I won't help you.</p> <p>20 THE COURT REPORTER: Did you want to say</p> <p>21 something?</p> <p>22 MR. RUTTER: He -- he covered it.</p> <p>23 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B1 was marked</p> <p>24 for identification.)</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 391</p> <p>1 the same to be true.</p> <p>2 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>3 A That's what's written there.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Okay. Would you turn to Page 4 of Exhibit B1.</b></p> <p>5 <b>And as an attorney you understand that interrogatories are</b></p> <p>6 <b>our opportunity to ask you written questions to which you</b></p> <p>7 <b>are supposed to provide full and truthful responses, yes?</b></p> <p>8 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>9 conclusion.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: You'll have to ask my attorneys</p> <p>11 about legal conclusions.</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q You understand that, correct?</b></p> <p>14 A Again, you'll -- you'll have to ask my</p> <p>15 attorneys to make legal conclusions.</p> <p>16 <b>Q You understand what an interrogatory is, yes?</b></p> <p>17 MR. MAREK: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: As I said, if you're asking for</p> <p>19 a legal definition of interrogatories, you'll have to talk</p> <p>20 to my attorneys.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q I'm talking to you. Do you know what an</b></p> <p>23 <b>interrogatory is?</b></p> <p>24 A What is your definition of an interrogatory?</p> <p>25 <b>Q I'm asking you. Do you know what an</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 392</p> <p>1 <b>interrogatory is?</b></p> <p>2 A As I said, interrogatories are questions that</p> <p>3 a party in a lawsuit asks you a number of question. They</p> <p>4 are if an attorney will gather data and fill them out, and</p> <p>5 if an attorney will supplement them, if necessary, during</p> <p>6 the course of a lawsuit.</p> <p>7 <b>Q You understand that you're supposed to provide</b></p> <p>8 <b>full and truthful responses to them, yes?</b></p> <p>9 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>10 conclusion.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Again, I had my attorneys fill</p> <p>12 these out and put them together.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q That wasn't my question. Do you remember my</b></p> <p>15 <b>question?</b></p> <p>16 A Can you please restate it.</p> <p>17 <b>Q You understand that these written questions</b></p> <p>18 <b>that you're supposed to give full and truthful responses</b></p> <p>19 <b>to, yes?</b></p> <p>20 A You know, again, I -- you know, I provided</p> <p>21 accurate information to my attorneys and they put together</p> <p>22 documents for my case.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Full and truthful information, you know that's</b></p> <p>24 <b>what's required, right?</b></p> <p>25 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 394</p> <p>1 MR. ELSTER: Same objections.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I spoke with my attorneys about</p> <p>3 the matter and who I -- I -- who was involved in, who I had</p> <p>4 spoken with and that.</p> <p>5 And to note, there's hundreds of employees at</p> <p>6 Barnes-Jewish or Wash U that were aware of what was going</p> <p>7 on with my situation and going on at the hospital at time</p> <p>8 period. And, I mean, as I said, there's nurses I worked</p> <p>9 with on a daily basis that -- or not a daily. It could be</p> <p>10 different floors, different people that probably saw that</p> <p>11 there was abuse or harassment going on. So, and, again --</p> <p>12 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike as nonresponsive.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Is anyone from the FBI listed in response to</b></p> <p>15 <b>Interrogatory 2?</b></p> <p>16 MR. ELSTER: Objection, the document speaks</p> <p>17 for itself.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: The document is here. The</p> <p>19 document's here. I've -- I've listened to my attorneys.</p> <p>20 They're taking the story from me and put down the</p> <p>21 information on who was relevant and listed people in here.</p> <p>22 You'll have to talk to them about who they put down and</p> <p>23 why.</p> <p>24 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike as nonresponsive.</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 393</p> <p>1 conclusion.</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Again, I'm -- I am not an expert</p> <p>4 in interrogatories. I've given information to my attorneys</p> <p>5 and they have filled it out and put it together.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q You see here in Interrogatory 2 we basically</b></p> <p>8 <b>ask you to identify each person other than your attorney</b></p> <p>9 <b>who has knowledge of the facts of this matter, right?</b></p> <p>10 A Yes, I see everything right there.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Do you identify the -- anyone at the FBI in</b></p> <p>12 <b>response to this interrogatory?</b></p> <p>13 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion as to</p> <p>14 what's responsive to this interrogatory and it's also</p> <p>15 subject to objection.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Well, again, I -- I talked with</p> <p>17 my attorneys about, I gave them information on my case and</p> <p>18 the people involved with it, and they put together my full</p> <p>19 interrogatories here. I'm not representing myself on this.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q That wasn't my question. Do you remember my</b></p> <p>22 <b>question?</b></p> <p>23 A Can you please repeat the question?</p> <p>24 <b>Q Did you identify anyone from the FBI in</b></p> <p>25 <b>response to Interrogatory Number 2?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 395</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Look at Interrogatory Number 3. We asked you</b></p> <p>3 <b>to please identify each person other than your attorney</b></p> <p>4 <b>with whom you have communicated regarding the claims set</b></p> <p>5 <b>forth in your complaint. Do you see that?</b></p> <p>6 A Yes. I'm reading it right now.</p> <p>7 <b>Q Okay. And you did indicate that you sent a</b></p> <p>8 <b>complaint to the EEOC, yes?</b></p> <p>9 A Yes, I did send a complaint to the EEOC.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Where do you indicate in your response to</b></p> <p>11 <b>Interrogatory Number 3 that you spoke to someone at the</b></p> <p>12 <b>FBI?</b></p> <p>13 MR. ELSTER: Objection, the document speaks</p> <p>14 for itself.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: And, again, I told my attorneys</p> <p>16 about my case and my situation and they generated this</p> <p>17 document. You know, I --</p> <p>18 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike as nonresponsive.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q Where in your response to Interrogatory</b></p> <p>21 <b>Number 3 do you indicate that you spoke to someone at the</b></p> <p>22 <b>FBI?</b></p> <p>23 MR. MAREK: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>24 MR. ELSTER: Objection.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: And, again, I told my attorneys</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 396</p> <p>1 about my case and my situation and everything going on and</p> <p>2 they generated the document. I'm not representing myself.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q You signed this verification under penalties</b></p> <p>5 <b>as provided by law. You understand that it's perjury to</b></p> <p>6 <b>lie in response to an interrogatory like this, yes?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Hold on. Objection, legal</p> <p>8 conclusion and mischaracterizes the evidence. Real</p> <p>9 briefly, these are signed in March of 2021. He's testified</p> <p>10 as to July 2021.</p> <p>11 You can answer subject so that.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I stated that, you know,</p> <p>13 I signed this document. And as I said, my attorneys</p> <p>14 generated this interrogatory document based on the</p> <p>15 information that I gave them.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Let's look back at your response to</b></p> <p>18 <b>Interrogatory Number 2.</b></p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 <b>Q With regards to people who have knowledge of</b></p> <p>21 <b>the facts of this matter, you identified a number of people</b></p> <p>22 <b>indicated by the lettering system from A going all the way</b></p> <p>23 <b>to four N's on Page 15. Do you see that?</b></p> <p>24 A Four N's?</p> <p>25 <b>Q Four N's as in Nancy. Do you see that on</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 398</p> <p>1 <b>knowledge worked at Barnes-Jewish Hospital?</b></p> <p>2 A Well, it's a consortium. Barnes-Jewish and</p> <p>3 Wash U are very often the same entity.</p> <p>4 <b>Q That wasn't my question.</b></p> <p>5 A Raj Dang is an ENT resident.</p> <p>6 <b>Q My question is how many times in your answer</b></p> <p>7 <b>did you indicate that one of these people worked at</b></p> <p>8 <b>Barnes-Jewish Hospital?</b></p> <p>9 A I would have to read the entire document.</p> <p>10 This document was generated over a year ago.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Well, can you point anywhere else in your</b></p> <p>12 <b>answer to Interrogatory Number 2 where you indicated that</b></p> <p>13 <b>one of these people that you claim has knowledge about the</b></p> <p>14 <b>facts of the matter worked at Barnes-Jewish Hospital?</b></p> <p>15 A Well, as I'm going through this, for example</p> <p>16 and I --</p> <p>17 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm going through this</p> <p>19 right now. And, again, many of these employees, Lauren</p> <p>20 Gibson, is she employed by Barnes or Wash U? I --</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you indicate next to her name that she</b></p> <p>23 <b>worked at Barnes-Jewish Hospital?</b></p> <p>24 MR. ELSTER: Objection, best evidence rule.</p> <p>25 The document speaks for itself.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 397</p> <p>1 <b>Page 15?</b></p> <p>2 A Yes. I see that right now.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Okay. So your answer runs from Page 4 to 15,</b></p> <p>4 <b>where you list individuals with knowledge of the facts of</b></p> <p>5 <b>this matter, yes?</b></p> <p>6 A The document lists people with facts in the</p> <p>7 matter and knowledge of it. And let me just say, there is</p> <p>8 likely hundreds of other people at Barnes and Wash U that</p> <p>9 worked with me that saw what happened to me and saw</p> <p>10 different inappropriate things going on there.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Do you know how many times you indicated in</b></p> <p>12 <b>your answer that one of these individuals worked for BJH?</b></p> <p>13 A Well, I'm more -- I am more than happy to look</p> <p>14 at it right now. Physicians who worked for Wash U. Let's</p> <p>15 see, I believe Nicole Erter worked with Barnes-Jewish.</p> <p>16 THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you, sir.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I believe Nicole Erter worked</p> <p>18 with Barnes-Jewish.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q That's on Page 11?</b></p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Is that right?</b></p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Okay. Do you indicate in your answer to</b></p> <p>25 <b>Interrogatory 2, that any of these other individuals with</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 399</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. No, I mean, I gave all</p> <p>2 the names of -- of people that could come to mind at that</p> <p>3 time that might have knowledge that could be relevant to</p> <p>4 the case to my attorneys and they generated this document.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q That wasn't my question.</b></p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 <b>Q How many times did you write Barnes-Jewish</b></p> <p>9 <b>Hospital in your answer to Interrogatory Number 2?</b></p> <p>10 A I didn't write this document. My attorneys</p> <p>11 wrote this document.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Okay. How many times did they write it?</b></p> <p>13 A All right. Well, then let's go through the</p> <p>14 entire document. Let's see, Alex Evers, chair anesthesia,</p> <p>15 Wash U Saint Louis.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Did -- is the name --</b></p> <p>17 A I don't see that.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Are the words Barnes-Jewish Hospital next to</b></p> <p>19 <b>his name?</b></p> <p>20 A He does not have the Barnes-Jewish Hospital</p> <p>21 next to him.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Please just indicate to me which names have a</b></p> <p>23 <b>written indication that they work at Barnes-Jewish</b></p> <p>24 <b>Hospital.</b></p> <p>25 A So I know Nicole Erter, resource -- human</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 400</p> <p>1 resources director --</p> <p>2 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Nicole Erter, human</p> <p>4 resources director, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis,</p> <p>5 Missouri. There's other people that -- there's many people</p> <p>6 that I know you might work for Barnes or Wash U and flip</p> <p>7 back and forth.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q That wasn't my question.</b></p> <p>10 A You want to know how many worked for Barnes,</p> <p>11 all right.</p> <p>12 <b>Q No. I want to know how many times the words</b></p> <p>13 <b>Barnes-Jewish Hospital are written in your answers to</b></p> <p>14 <b>Interrogatory Number 2.</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Same objection, best evidence</p> <p>16 rule.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I'm scanning this as quickly as</p> <p>18 I can. I don't suppose you'd want to pull it up on your</p> <p>19 computer and we can hit Control F and find it very rapidly</p> <p>20 how many times the word Barnes is in the interrogatory</p> <p>21 answer?</p> <p>22 All right. I see Nicole Erter is the one.</p> <p>23 And I see many other people that work at both Barnes, Wash</p> <p>24 U, going back and forth and some that are just at Barnes</p> <p>25 that it doesn't have Barnes next to their name.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 402</p> <p>1 <b>Q Did you say Barnes-Jewish Hospital?</b></p> <p>2 A It doesn't say Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Is</p> <p>3 it -- is it Barnes, Barnes-Jewish, Barnes-Jewish Christian?</p> <p>4 There's multiple names for the hospital group. But it's</p> <p>5 pretty apparent that anybody would know that if you're an</p> <p>6 ENT resident, residents are employed by Barnes, and</p> <p>7 fellow -- and I believe it's fellows and attendings that</p> <p>8 switch over to Wash U at some point.</p> <p>9 But -- and -- and the other thing I'll mention</p> <p>10 was many people had employment between multiple entities</p> <p>11 and switched back and forth --</p> <p>12 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Many people had employment</p> <p>14 between multiple entities and would switch back and</p> <p>15 forth between entities.</p> <p>16 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B2 was marked</p> <p>17 for identification.)</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 <b>Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit B2.</b></p> <p>20 <b>Those are your supplement interrogatory answers, yes, to</b></p> <p>21 <b>BJH's interrogatories?</b></p> <p>22 A I believe this is -- let me see which date</p> <p>23 they sent this in. I believe this was sent September 9th,</p> <p>24 2022. This is a supplement interrogatory answer.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Did you review these before they were</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 401</p> <p>1 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike the nonresponsive</p> <p>2 portion of the question.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q So the only person that you indicated in</b></p> <p>5 <b>response to Interrogatory 2 that had personal knowledge of</b></p> <p>6 <b>the facts of this matter that you indicated worked at</b></p> <p>7 <b>Barnes-Jewish Hospital was Nicole Erter, fair?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Objection, mischaracterizes the</p> <p>9 interrogatory question.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: That -- that's not accurate at</p> <p>11 all. There's other people that I -- I believe Sharon Stark</p> <p>12 where it says program coordinator, Washington University</p> <p>13 Saint Louis, I -- I believe she -- she was probably</p> <p>14 employed by Barnes. Lauren Gibson. There's others that's</p> <p>15 probably employed by Barnes.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Sir, there's only one name that you associate</b></p> <p>18 <b>with Barnes-Jewish Hospital in your answer to</b></p> <p>19 <b>Interrogatory 2, correct?</b></p> <p>20 A Well, there -- there are more names here that</p> <p>21 associate with it. And I'll pull one up for example and</p> <p>22 what was written on it if you give me one second.</p> <p>23 Rajan Paul Dang, M.D., ENT resident, Saint</p> <p>24 Louis, knowledge of Benzinger's harassment of residents.</p> <p>25 Dr. Dang was an employee of Barnes Hospital.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 403</p> <p>1 <b>produced?</b></p> <p>2 A I believe I saw this document before it was</p> <p>3 produced.</p> <p>4 <b>Q And did you confirm that the statements set</b></p> <p>5 <b>forth in those supplemental responses are true and correct,</b></p> <p>6 <b>except as to matters therein stated to be on information</b></p> <p>7 <b>and belief and as to such matters you believed they were</b></p> <p>8 <b>true?</b></p> <p>9 A Well, I -- I didn't sign this document. I had</p> <p>10 my attorneys file it. My attorneys filed the document.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Right. But you reviewed it, right?</b></p> <p>12 A I -- I did a brief review of the edits that</p> <p>13 were made to the document.</p> <p>14 <b>Q And did you believe that it was all true and</b></p> <p>15 <b>accurate?</b></p> <p>16 A Well, the edits I looked at were true and</p> <p>17 accurate. I -- I don't recall that I read all 25 pages. I</p> <p>18 just looked at the additional information that was being</p> <p>19 added to it.</p> <p>20 MR. NOLAN: Okay. On a break I would ask that</p> <p>21 you have him sign the verification.</p> <p>22 MR. ELSTER: Okay. Yeah, we'll supplement.</p> <p>23 We wanted to get the information to you before the</p> <p>24 deposition.</p> <p>25 MR. NOLAN: I appreciate that.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 404</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q All right. So B2 is your supplemental answers</b></p> <p>3 <b>to BJH's interrogatories, the same interrogatories we</b></p> <p>4 <b>looked at in B1, yes?</b></p> <p>5 A B2 is an updated version of the interrogatory</p> <p>6 answers.</p> <p>7 <b>Q So you recently had the opportunity to go</b></p> <p>8 <b>through your interrogatory answers and supplement and add</b></p> <p>9 <b>to them, yes?</b></p> <p>10 A Well, my attorneys did, and they -- they added</p> <p>11 supplemental information. I believe in specific -- I</p> <p>12 believe they specifically tagged paragraphs says</p> <p>13 supplemental answer and added -- and added new information.</p> <p>14 For example, talking about my transcripts</p> <p>15 being hidden, the ACGME trying to get my transcripts and</p> <p>16 you and your counsel, Ramatowski and I bet Joe --</p> <p>17 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: And I believe my counsel put in</p> <p>19 supplemental answers, and one example of that was the</p> <p>20 information learned from the ACGME about my transcripts</p> <p>21 being hidden and it going up all the way to Attorneys</p> <p>22 Ramatowski and Joseph Lasky discussing how to hide my</p> <p>23 transcripts.</p> <p>24 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>25 <b>Q Did you supplement your interrogatory answer</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 406</p> <p>1 A As I said, the document has the names of</p> <p>2 everybody that -- that my attorneys put in it. That's</p> <p>3 just -- that's the answer to the question.</p> <p>4 MR. NOLAN: Let the record reflect the witness</p> <p>5 is refusing to answer my question and we'll be moving for</p> <p>6 sanctions.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Do you mind if we take a</p> <p>8 bathroom break for a few minutes?</p> <p>9 MR. NOLAN: That would be fine. Just for the</p> <p>10 record, would you please have him sign that verification to</p> <p>11 B2 while we're on the break.</p> <p>12 MR. ELSTER: That's fine with me.</p> <p>13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record at</p> <p>14 approximately 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>15 (Thereupon, a recess was taken, after which</p> <p>16 the following proceedings were had:)</p> <p>17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on record at</p> <p>18 approximately 10:24 a.m.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q Sir, we just took a brief break. While you</b></p> <p>21 <b>were on break, did you sign the verification page on</b></p> <p>22 <b>Exhibit B2?</b></p> <p>23 A Yes, sir, I did. I signed the verification</p> <p>24 page on the supplemental interrogatory B2, Page 24.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Thank you.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 405</p> <p>1 <b>to Number 2 to include anyone from the FBI?</b></p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Objection, best evidence rule.</p> <p>3 The document speaks for itself.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, do the document is the</p> <p>5 document. And I, you know, I gave my attorneys information</p> <p>6 about the situation and they drafted the document as -- as</p> <p>7 necessary.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Well, thank you for telling me that the</b></p> <p>10 <b>document is the document. My question was, did you include</b></p> <p>11 <b>in your answer to Interrogatory Number 2 the identity of</b></p> <p>12 <b>anyone from the FBI.</b></p> <p>13 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Yeah, you said the document --</p> <p>15 the information in the document is in the document.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Thank you. It's a yes or no question. Did</b></p> <p>18 <b>you include the identify of anyone from the FBI in your</b></p> <p>19 <b>supplemental answer to Interrogatory Number 2?</b></p> <p>20 A And I just said the document speaks for</p> <p>21 itself. The document is the document.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Sir, my question is quite simple, and I</b></p> <p>23 <b>believe it fairly calls for a yes or no answer. Did you</b></p> <p>24 <b>identify anyone from the FBI in your supplemental answer to</b></p> <p>25 <b>Interrogatory Number 2?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 407</p> <p>1 <b>Let me shift gears just a little bit. I</b></p> <p>2 <b>noticed that there's two armed police officers sitting</b></p> <p>3 <b>outside the conference room in which the deposition is</b></p> <p>4 <b>taking place. Do you have an understanding as to why</b></p> <p>5 <b>they're here?</b></p> <p>6 A Yes. My legal team wanted to have security</p> <p>7 for the deposition.</p> <p>8 <b>Q Do you feel it's necessary to have two armed</b></p> <p>9 <b>police officers here at your deposition?</b></p> <p>10 MR. ELSTER: Objection, relevance discovery</p> <p>11 portion.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: You know, I -- you know, I took</p> <p>13 the advice of my legal team to have, you know, security</p> <p>14 present at the deposition.</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q Okay. That wasn't my question.</b></p> <p>17 <b>Do you feel it's necessary to have two armed</b></p> <p>18 <b>police officers sitting outside this conference room?</b></p> <p>19 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I -- I -- so I guess I just</p> <p>21 answered. My attorneys thought it was necessary, so I</p> <p>22 agreed with them. I would think it's necessary since they</p> <p>23 think it's necessary.</p> <p>24 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>25 <b>Q Did they say why they thought it was</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 408</p> <p>1 necessary?</p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Objection, privileged.</p> <p>3 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent it's</p> <p>4 privileged communications.</p> <p>5 MR. NOLAN: You guys have already waived it.</p> <p>6 MR. MAREK: No, that's incorrect, no.</p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: We haven't.</p> <p>8 MR. MAREK: Instruct the witness not to answer</p> <p>9 about communications between him and his attorneys on any</p> <p>10 subject.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 Q Are you going to follow your attorneys' advice</p> <p>13 and refuse to answer my question?</p> <p>14 A Yes, sir. I would just say, as I said again,</p> <p>15 my attorneys felt it was necessary to have police officers</p> <p>16 here, so I agreed with them as having it. The reasons they</p> <p>17 decided to have them here were -- were the reasons they</p> <p>18 decided.</p> <p>19 Q Well, do on your own feel it's necessary to</p> <p>20 have armed police officers here?</p> <p>21 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Well, if my -- if my attorneys</p> <p>23 feel something is necessary, then on my own I agree with my</p> <p>24 attorneys, and I -- I think they're very talented attorneys</p> <p>25 and do things for reasons.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 410</p> <p>1 your client's administration, very scared of Attorney</p> <p>2 Ramatowski and what could happen to my career. But right</p> <p>3 now, I'm not intimidated or scared of the attorneys and</p> <p>4 Barnes administration or Wash U administration.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 Q Yesterday Mr. Sullivan asked you about</p> <p>7 photographs that you took using your phone of</p> <p>8 Dr. Benzinger's email account. Do you recall those?</p> <p>9 A Yes, I recall discussing with him about that.</p> <p>10 Q Do you recall the date that you took those</p> <p>11 photos?</p> <p>12 A On my phone, either it was -- it was in</p> <p>13 December of 2017. I -- I believe it was the 17th. Or was</p> <p>14 it the 13th? I apologize.</p> <p>15 Q Do you still have the original photographs?</p> <p>16 A I do not have the -- I do not have any of</p> <p>17 those documents.</p> <p>18 Q What happened to the original photographs?</p> <p>19 A Well, I gave -- I gave everything to my</p> <p>20 attorney, and then they -- then they said that since they</p> <p>21 had possession of them, they then -- they -- they then</p> <p>22 removed them from the device they were captured with.</p> <p>23 Q So your attorneys told you to delete the</p> <p>24 original photographs?</p> <p>25 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative, form.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 409</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 Q Who's paying for them to be here?</p> <p>3 A I believe -- I believe the law firm is paying</p> <p>4 for them to be here. My attorneys are paying for them to</p> <p>5 be here.</p> <p>6 Q Is part of your agreement with the law firm</p> <p>7 that you will reimburse them for any expenses or costs</p> <p>8 related to the lawsuit?</p> <p>9 A I would have to look at the retainer and the</p> <p>10 details on it. My apologies, I have not looked at that,</p> <p>11 sincerely I have not looked at the retainer in a long time,</p> <p>12 a number of months at the very least. So I'm -- I'm happy</p> <p>13 to take a look and refresh on that. You know, again --</p> <p>14 Q Did you feel physically threatened yesterday</p> <p>15 during the deposition?</p> <p>16 MR. ELSTER: Objection, discovery relevance.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I mean, you know, I didn't -- I</p> <p>18 didn't feel threatened during this deposition. Nobody's</p> <p>19 yelled at me. Nobody's threatened me.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 Q Is there anyone in the room that you feel</p> <p>22 intimidated by?</p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Well, I can say when I was --</p> <p>25 when I was a resident, I certainly was very, very scared of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 411</p> <p>1 MR. MAREK: Objection, privileged.</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Privileged information.</p> <p>3 MR. MAREK: Instruct the witness not to</p> <p>4 answer.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 Q Are you going to follow your attorney's advice</p> <p>7 and refuse to answer my question?</p> <p>8 A Yes, sir.</p> <p>9 Q So you intentionally deleted the original</p> <p>10 photographs that you took of Dr. Benzinger's emails?</p> <p>11 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation,</p> <p>12 argumentative.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: I gave my attorneys my devices</p> <p>14 and they -- they removed -- they -- as I said, I gave my</p> <p>15 attorney all the information I had, all devices. They took</p> <p>16 them to compile them for the lawsuit, and they -- they</p> <p>17 removed them from my devices.</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 Q You're saying that your attorneys deleted the</p> <p>20 original photographs that you took of Dr. Benzinger's</p> <p>21 emails from your device?</p> <p>22 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative,</p> <p>23 foundation.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Well, again, you know, we --</p> <p>25 there's a whole process of putting together all the 60,000</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 412</p> <p>1 pages of discovery. I'd have to think on exactly how --</p> <p>2 the steps of that working with my attorneys. But, again, I</p> <p>3 gave -- you know, I gave them everything I had and I didn't</p> <p>4 retain anything that they didn't want me to retain.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q Who deleted the original photographs from your</b></p> <p>7 <b>phone?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Same objection, vague as to</p> <p>9 original photograph on a phone.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: So, you know, again, just noting</p> <p>11 that, you know, I took images on my phone, and when we</p> <p>12 were -- when we were transferring all the documents, they</p> <p>13 were removed. I don't remember who explicitly -- I don't</p> <p>14 remember the exact details of the transfer. We were</p> <p>15 moving -- you know, we were -- I was giving all my</p> <p>16 discovery information to my attorneys.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 <b>Q Sir, you understand you're under oath, right?</b></p> <p>19 A Yes, I do.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Okay. Earlier you just told me that your</b></p> <p>21 <b>attorneys told you to delete them, right?</b></p> <p>22 MR. MAREK: Objection.</p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, yeah.</p> <p>24 Mischaracterizes his testimony and privileged information.</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 414</p> <p>1 A I'm going to follow their advice and not</p> <p>2 answer on how I processed discovery information with them.</p> <p>3 <b>Q You understand what spoliation is, correct?</b></p> <p>4 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: What is that?</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q You don't know what spoliation is?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Please give me your definition</p> <p>10 of it.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q I'm asking you, do you know what spoliation</b></p> <p>13 <b>is.</b></p> <p>14 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I'm -- I'm asking your</p> <p>16 definition of it.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 <b>Q It's a yes or no question. Do you know what</b></p> <p>19 <b>it is or not?</b></p> <p>20 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I'm asking</p> <p>22 your -- your definition. I -- my best understanding is</p> <p>23 maintaining documents during a lawsuit.</p> <p>24 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>25 <b>Q Okay. So you understand spoliation has</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 413</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Right.</b></p> <p>3 A No, I said my attorneys -- it's exactly what I</p> <p>4 said before, my attorneys did not want me to retain those,</p> <p>5 so I did not retain those.</p> <p>6 <b>Q So they told you to delete them, yes?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Objection, attorney/client</p> <p>8 privilege.</p> <p>9 MR. MAREK: Objection, calls for privileged</p> <p>10 information. Instruct the witness not to answer.</p> <p>11 MR. SULLIVAN: We've got two talking at the</p> <p>12 same time again. And we've already noted our objection</p> <p>13 that this isn't necessary.</p> <p>14 MR. MAREK: Well, if you don't invade the</p> <p>15 privilege, then nobody will need to talk.</p> <p>16 THE COURT REPORTER: Did you make an</p> <p>17 objection?</p> <p>18 MR. ELSTER: I did. Objected as to privileged</p> <p>19 information and mischaracterizes his prior testimony.</p> <p>20 Instruct you not to answer about attorney/client</p> <p>21 communications.</p> <p>22 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23 <b>Q Do you recall -- well, strike that.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Are you going to follow your attorney's advice</b></p> <p>25 <b>and refuse to answer my question?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 415</p> <p>1 <b>something to do with intentionally destroying evidence,</b></p> <p>2 <b>yes?</b></p> <p>3 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: You're asking me a legal</p> <p>5 conclusion. My attorneys would have to answer on that.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q He didn't instruct you not to answer. The</b></p> <p>8 <b>objection is noted.</b></p> <p>9 A Can you please state the question again.</p> <p>10 MR. NOLAN: Can you read that back, please.</p> <p>11 (Thereupon, the referred to question was read</p> <p>12 back by the Court Reporter as recorded above.)</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Yes, I understand that's your</p> <p>14 definition of it, or that's the definition of it.</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q Okay.</b></p> <p>17 A And, again, I really don't believe anything</p> <p>18 was destroyed or taken.</p> <p>19 <b>Q All right. So on the date you took those</b></p> <p>20 <b>pictures, Dr. Benzinger and you were in some type of room</b></p> <p>21 <b>at the hospital, yes?</b></p> <p>22 A We were in an operating room.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Okay. And there was a computer there?</b></p> <p>24 A Yes, there was my computer for the day, a</p> <p>25 communal computer that I was assigned to for the day.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 416</p> <p>1       <b>Q</b>   Okay. You say it was your computer. You</p> <p>2       didn't own the computer, did you?</p> <p>3       A    I did not own the computer, but that's what I</p> <p>4       was assigned to for the day. That was my workstation.</p> <p>5       <b>Q</b>   Well, Dr. Benzinger was working on that</p> <p>6       computer, wasn't he?</p> <p>7       A    Dr. Benzinger used it for few minutes</p> <p>8       throughout the day.</p> <p>9       <b>Q</b>   Okay. And for you to open up, let's say your</p> <p>10      email account, you have to use a user name and password,</p> <p>11      yes?</p> <p>12      A    I have to log-in with a user name and password</p> <p>13      to get into my email and also to unlock the workstation,</p> <p>14      which was -- the reason I said it was my workstation is</p> <p>15      because I logged in with a user name and password and</p> <p>16      unlocked it.</p> <p>17      <b>Q</b>   And you understand that generally speaking</p> <p>18      most people that want to log into their work email system</p> <p>19      there, their work email account, have to enter a password,</p> <p>20      yes?</p> <p>21      MR. ELSTER: Objection, speculation.</p> <p>22      THE WITNESS: Again, I can only state what</p> <p>23      I -- what I do, but when I was there I would enter a</p> <p>24      password to enter my email account.</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 418</p> <p>1       <b>Q</b>   Did you ever give your password, your email</p> <p>2       password out to anyone else?</p> <p>3       A    I did not give my email password out to -- to</p> <p>4       anyone else but myself.</p> <p>5       <b>Q</b>   Did Dr. Benzinger ever give you his email</p> <p>6       password?</p> <p>7       A    Dr. Benzinger never gave me his email</p> <p>8       password, nor did I take his email password at any time.</p> <p>9       <b>Q</b>   Did Dr. Benzinger ever say to you, you can</p> <p>10      access my email account?</p> <p>11      A    Dr. Benzinger -- you're asking if he ever said</p> <p>12      that exact term, you can access my email account?</p> <p>13      <b>Q</b>   Yes.</p> <p>14      A    I was never told those exact words by Richard</p> <p>15      Benzinger.</p> <p>16      <b>Q</b>   Did Dr. Benzinger ever verbally authorize you</p> <p>17      to access his email account?</p> <p>18      MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>19      THE WITNESS: As I said, Dr. Benzinger never</p> <p>20      told me verbally to access his email account or -- as you</p> <p>21      stated.</p> <p>22      BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23      <b>Q</b>   Did Dr. Benzinger ever in writing give you</p> <p>24      authorization to access his email account?</p> <p>25      A    He did not give me authorization in writing to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 417</p> <p>1       BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2       <b>Q</b>   And you understood that because your email is</p> <p>3       considered private and confidential, yes?</p> <p>4       MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>5       THE WITNESS: You know, again, that's, you</p> <p>6       know, that's a legal conclusion on that. You're -- you're</p> <p>7       asking me is it -- is the email private.</p> <p>8       BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9       <b>Q</b>   Well, you didn't understand that your email</p> <p>10      was open to the public, did you?</p> <p>11      A    Well, my email was certainly open to other</p> <p>12      Barnes individuals. People would -- Benzinger sent emails</p> <p>13      to my account. And when people were working together, they</p> <p>14      would regularly look up patients for the day that might</p> <p>15      have been emailed out or just general information on dosing</p> <p>16      or protocols that were in each other's email boxes.</p> <p>17      <b>Q</b>   Is it your understanding that to access your</p> <p>18      email account they would have to enter your password?</p> <p>19      A    Well, they wouldn't have to if I would -- if I</p> <p>20      had it open on the computer that you would share.</p> <p>21      <b>Q</b>   Okay. So they could only access your emails</p> <p>22      if you had entered your password, fair?</p> <p>23      A    Well, if I -- I would have to enter my</p> <p>24      password and leave it open on the computer for them to be</p> <p>25      able to use it, which many did.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 419</p> <p>1       access my email account.</p> <p>2       (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>3       THE WITNESS: He did not give me authorization</p> <p>4       in writing to access my email account -- or his email</p> <p>5       account.</p> <p>6       BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7       <b>Q</b>   Did anyone at Barnes-Jewish Hospital ever</p> <p>8       verbally say to you that you had authorization to access</p> <p>9       Dr. Benzinger's email account?</p> <p>10      A    I don't recall anybody telling me verbally</p> <p>11      that I had authorization to access Richard Benzinger's</p> <p>12      email account.</p> <p>13      <b>Q</b>   How about in writing?</p> <p>14      A    I don't have any documents in writing that I</p> <p>15      can -- saying that.</p> <p>16      <b>Q</b>   Did anyone from Wash U ever say that you had,</p> <p>17      verbally say that you had authorization to access</p> <p>18      Dr. Benzinger's email account?</p> <p>19      A    I'm sorry, can you say it one more time.</p> <p>20      <b>Q</b>   Did anyone from Wash U ever give you verbal</p> <p>21      authorization to access Dr. Benzinger's email account?</p> <p>22      A    I didn't receive verbal authorization from</p> <p>23      anybody at Wash U, just like he didn't receive verbal</p> <p>24      authorization to access mine.</p> <p>25      <b>Q</b>   How about written from Wash U?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 420</p> <p>1 A I didn't have written authorization from Wash</p> <p>2 U, nor did he have written authorization to access my email</p> <p>3 account, which he has done.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Now, you didn't begin snapping those pictures</b></p> <p>5 <b>of Dr. Benzinger's emails until after he left the room,</b></p> <p>6 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>7 A That is correct. He -- I came back in from my</p> <p>8 break that he gave me and he immediately left the room.</p> <p>9 <b>Q And that was because you knew that</b></p> <p>10 <b>Dr. Benzinger would not want you to look at his emails,</b></p> <p>11 <b>yes?</b></p> <p>12 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: He just immediately left the</p> <p>14 room. That's why -- he immediately left the room. He</p> <p>15 wasn't there.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q You knew he would not want you to access his</b></p> <p>18 <b>emails, yes?</b></p> <p>19 MR. ELSTER: Same objections.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: In -- in all sincerity, I didn't</p> <p>21 know that at that time for one reason, and I'll give a, you</p> <p>22 know the answer on that was he left emails about me up that</p> <p>23 were talking about front running and falsifying evaluations</p> <p>24 that were just sitting there.</p> <p>25 I took that as him -- I first thought when I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 422</p> <p>1 boxes. He had accessed mine and I had accessed his.</p> <p>2 And I -- I was very concerned that day because</p> <p>3 I saw all the front running they were denying that they had</p> <p>4 ever contacted a rotation in advance about me or anybody.</p> <p>5 It was just all right -- right there in front of me when I</p> <p>6 came in. I -- I was very concerned and, you know, I told</p> <p>7 him that I had seen this.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Yeah. So it wasn't all right there in front</b></p> <p>10 <b>of you, you had to click some buttons to go through all</b></p> <p>11 <b>those emails, didn't you?</b></p> <p>12 A Well, when I -- the way Outlook is set up is</p> <p>13 if there's emails -- if there's emails to a specific term</p> <p>14 that someone has open, there's -- they're in the left side</p> <p>15 of the pane, or the left side of the window box where you</p> <p>16 can see emails where normally it will have like an email</p> <p>17 and a little blurb about something.</p> <p>18 And then on the right side of the pane for</p> <p>19 Outlook, like we probably all use, it has the details of</p> <p>20 the email. So I saw the first email that was open about</p> <p>21 it, and I could also click on the other emails to see it</p> <p>22 on.</p> <p>23 <b>Q And you did click on them, right?</b></p> <p>24 A Yes, I did click on other emails that were</p> <p>25 there.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 421</p> <p>1 saw that was he was trying to threaten me or warn me to</p> <p>2 resign or leave. And that was literally showing all the</p> <p>3 front running and false evals that had been going on for</p> <p>4 the past year, or over a year.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q Well, when Dr. Benzinger came back in the</b></p> <p>7 <b>room, did you tell him that you had accessed his emails?</b></p> <p>8 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the extent that it</p> <p>9 calls for a legal conclusion.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: So when -- when we're -- at the</p> <p>11 end of the day, Richard Benzinger, when he came back in the</p> <p>12 room, we were talking about the day and working together,</p> <p>13 and he said he had been in my email box.</p> <p>14 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: He said that he had been in my</p> <p>16 email box. And I told him that I had also seen emails from</p> <p>17 his box. And I -- you know, so he knew that I had been in</p> <p>18 his email box.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q You told Dr. Benzinger the day you took the</b></p> <p>21 <b>photographs of his email that you had been in his emails</b></p> <p>22 <b>and saw the emails about you?</b></p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, I told him that he</p> <p>25 had -- that he had -- we had been in each other email</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 423</p> <p>1 <b>Q Right. So you opened up emails which you</b></p> <p>2 <b>could not originally view when you first saw the computer</b></p> <p>3 <b>screen, right?</b></p> <p>4 A Well, I could partially view some of those</p> <p>5 emails. I -- I left-clicked on them to -- to show</p> <p>6 additional text. But there were emails about me on the</p> <p>7 screen when I came in.</p> <p>8 There was also an email that popped up from</p> <p>9 Sharon Stark where when Outlook does notifications, you've</p> <p>10 got a message, that was literally talking about me in what</p> <p>11 rotation -- I -- I haven't seen this in a long time, but I</p> <p>12 believe there was an email where it was notifying about</p> <p>13 it's time to start talking about where Jeff and Gary Hammen</p> <p>14 are going.</p> <p>15 <b>Q So when you allegedly spoke to Dr. Benzinger</b></p> <p>16 <b>the day you took the pictures letting him know that you had</b></p> <p>17 <b>accessed his email account, did you talk to him about the</b></p> <p>18 <b>substance of any of the emails that you reviewed?</b></p> <p>19 A I talked very briefly that I saw what they</p> <p>20 were doing and I saw that -- you know, I know they're front</p> <p>21 running and I've seen this, and I talked very briefly on</p> <p>22 it. It was not a long conversation. I did talk with him</p> <p>23 though.</p> <p>24 <b>Q What did Dr. Benzinger say when you told him</b></p> <p>25 <b>that you had accessed his email and you talked to him about</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 424</p> <p>1 <b>the substance of those emails that had to do with you?</b></p> <p>2 A He didn't really say much at that point, in</p> <p>3 that conversation, to be quite honest.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Just basically kind of said oh, okay, great,</b></p> <p>5 <b>have a nice day?</b></p> <p>6 A Well, I don't recall him saying okay, have a</p> <p>7 nice day like that. But, you know, like I said, we both</p> <p>8 were in each other's email boxes and I've seen what -- I've</p> <p>9 seen what's going on with the front running, and that was</p> <p>10 pretty much it.</p> <p>11 <b>Q That computer that you accessed</b></p> <p>12 <b>Dr. Benzinger's emails on, does it, after a certain amount</b></p> <p>13 <b>of time when there's no activity, does it shut itself off</b></p> <p>14 <b>or log itself out?</b></p> <p>15 A I don't recall the log-off times on that</p> <p>16 computer. I'd have to speculate. I know there were</p> <p>17 computers at Barnes that would stay on, and there were</p> <p>18 computers at Barnes that would -- that would shut off. But</p> <p>19 I don't recall exactly the times for either of those.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Well, certainly if it did have an auto log-off</b></p> <p>21 <b>feature, as long as you were clicking the buttons, that</b></p> <p>22 <b>would have prevented it from shutting off, right?</b></p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Well, what I was going to say is</p> <p>25 that the computer would not have shut off that day for one</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 426</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Where somebody was giving you a</p> <p>2 break or covering and watching for you and then you'd come</p> <p>3 back and, you know, resume your work on your -- on the</p> <p>4 station you were using that day.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q Were any of the emails that you copied from</b></p> <p>7 <b>Dr. Benzinger's account addressed to you or were you copied</b></p> <p>8 <b>on them?</b></p> <p>9 A I don't -- I -- I don't recall every email</p> <p>10 that I saw that was there. I -- many of them, if not most,</p> <p>11 were not addressed to me. The emails that were up, what I</p> <p>12 saw, it seemed they were all talking about me and Gary</p> <p>13 Hammen and grouping me and Gary Hammen together.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Okay. So as you sit here today, you're not</b></p> <p>15 <b>aware of any of the emails that you took photos of that you</b></p> <p>16 <b>were actually copied or included on, yes?</b></p> <p>17 A I'm not aware of that today.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Okay. Did you review any of the emails while</b></p> <p>19 <b>you were standing there at the workstation?</b></p> <p>20 A I saw some -- I saw some of the emails. I</p> <p>21 didn't -- you know, I don't recall how in depth I -- I</p> <p>22 looked at them, but I saw the emails and that they were</p> <p>23 about me and that it was proof of all the front running and</p> <p>24 activities that were occurring.</p> <p>25 I'd -- I'd be very happy to go through them</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 425</p> <p>1 simple reason, that computer was the computer for the</p> <p>2 anesthesia workstation. It was bolted on to the anesthesia</p> <p>3 machine, the monitor, so it -- it would not have shut off</p> <p>4 because there was an active case going on.</p> <p>5 We were charting, using MetaVision, the EMR</p> <p>6 there before Epic. So that would have been on there for</p> <p>7 charting purposes, as well as, you know, anything else that</p> <p>8 was up there and open. It would have stayed there.</p> <p>9 And, additionally, when we -- when we do --</p> <p>10 when we log into those things, you -- you -- you would -- I</p> <p>11 would log into the work station and we'd normally leave our</p> <p>12 workstations open because you don't want to shut down a</p> <p>13 workstation and then -- and then reopen it up under another</p> <p>14 user because it's -- because you -- you want to make sure</p> <p>15 that your data and everything is there and it's not taking</p> <p>16 a long time to load and to reload or anything. So that's</p> <p>17 just how it is.</p> <p>18 You -- so I would log in in the morning when</p> <p>19 we were doing pre-op stuff and I'd open up MetaVision, I'd</p> <p>20 view things there, and normally I'd leave it open. If I --</p> <p>21 if I was given a break, very often, you know, you would</p> <p>22 leave it open, go take a quick break while somebody --</p> <p>23 somebody was -- was watching for you, and then you'd come</p> <p>24 back to your station --</p> <p>25 (Reporter clarification.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 427</p> <p>1 with you if you wanted to show them. I -- I haven't seen</p> <p>2 those photos in nearly a year, or more than year probably.</p> <p>3 So, again, I haven't looked at this stuff and you haven't</p> <p>4 given them in discovery. So I, you know, I haven't looked</p> <p>5 at this stuff.</p> <p>6 <b>Q Why were you in the OR at that point in time?</b></p> <p>7 A I was in the operating room because we were</p> <p>8 doing -- we were doing a case at that point in time.</p> <p>9 <b>Q So was there an operation that was ongoing</b></p> <p>10 <b>while you were looking at email?</b></p> <p>11 A I believe there likely was at that point since</p> <p>12 I had been given a bathroom or other break for it.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Was the patient under anesthesia?</b></p> <p>14 A Yes, the patient was on, in general, aside</p> <p>15 from Brian Weber, we like to sedate our patients and put</p> <p>16 them under anesthesia as opposed to paralyze them and</p> <p>17 operate on them like one of my classmates Weber did once he</p> <p>18 graduated.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Were you acting as anesthesiologist during</b></p> <p>20 <b>that operation?</b></p> <p>21 A I was acting as a resident anesthesiologist</p> <p>22 during that operation.</p> <p>23 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I was -- I was the resident</p> <p>25 anesthesiologist during that operation.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 428</p> <p>1 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.</p> <p>2 BY THE WITNESS:</p> <p>3 <b>Q So while the patient was on the operating</b></p> <p>4 <b>table being cut on, under anesthesia, you were looking at</b></p> <p>5 <b>emails about yourself?</b></p> <p>6 MR. ELSTER: Objection, argumentative, and</p> <p>7 discovery relevance.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Yes, I looked at those email</p> <p>9 while there was an operation ongoing. And what's not being</p> <p>10 mentioned is that in the course of providing anesthesia for</p> <p>11 cases, there's a flurry of activity at the very beginning</p> <p>12 when you stayed and intubate. There's a flurry of activity</p> <p>13 at the end. And you're regularly keeping things stable,</p> <p>14 but there's lots of downtime.</p> <p>15 And you can talk with your clients about this,</p> <p>16 but they regularly will do studying, read journal articles,</p> <p>17 write emails, respond to emails while cases are ongoing,</p> <p>18 because there is lots of downtime in many cases.</p> <p>19 Now, there's some cases where you're required</p> <p>20 to focus on a patient. But in this case there was</p> <p>21 substantial downtime, otherwise I, you know, I would always</p> <p>22 dedicate my time to the patient.</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24 <b>Q So your answer is yes?</b></p> <p>25 A Yes. As I said, there was a patient that was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 430</p> <p>1 A It was, you know -- I don't recall if I -- if</p> <p>2 I clicked on it through that or if it popped into the box</p> <p>3 through the search that was done. But, you know, I clicked</p> <p>4 on the emails that were about me that -- that were there</p> <p>5 that day.</p> <p>6 <b>Q Including Sharon Stark's?</b></p> <p>7 A I -- I -- I -- I'd have to see if -- if I</p> <p>8 took -- if I took a picture of it. Again, I don't recall</p> <p>9 every small interaction right now. I'm happy to think on</p> <p>10 it, but --</p> <p>11 <b>Q So you stood there and snapped 73 pictures of</b></p> <p>12 <b>Dr. Benzinger's emails, yes?</b></p> <p>13 A I don't have the exact number because I</p> <p>14 don't -- we haven't gotten that from you in discovery, but</p> <p>15 I believe it was 73 some odd emails, which the picture --</p> <p>16 73 some odd photos I took, which corresponded to 30</p> <p>17 something emails in a handful of, I think, email chains.</p> <p>18 <b>Q And you understood that those emails included</b></p> <p>19 <b>information not just about you but about other people as</b></p> <p>20 <b>well, correct?</b></p> <p>21 A Those emails were talking about Jeff Weisman</p> <p>22 and Gary Hammen, the other resident who was bullied and</p> <p>23 harassed with me and the other resident who was bullied so</p> <p>24 badly that he eventually committed suicide not being able</p> <p>25 to get back into the workforce as a boarded doctor.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 429</p> <p>1 having a procedure done. If you pulled my case logs, I'm</p> <p>2 happy to go through what was being done. And I think that</p> <p>3 would provide some insight as far as was anything actively</p> <p>4 going on or were you just, you know, waiting for the</p> <p>5 surgeons to finish up and do their thing.</p> <p>6 <b>Q The reason that you took the photographs of</b></p> <p>7 <b>the emails which you did was because you believed that they</b></p> <p>8 <b>had something to do with you, correct?</b></p> <p>9 A I took those photos for a few reasons, one,</p> <p>10 they were talking about me, and, two, they were talking</p> <p>11 about improper activities at the hospital that I was</p> <p>12 investigating.</p> <p>13 <b>Q You would only know that if you read through</b></p> <p>14 <b>them, correct?</b></p> <p>15 A Yes, I would have to see context of the</p> <p>16 emails. And there was one that was open that I saw that</p> <p>17 was talking about me, as well as there -- there were some</p> <p>18 that I didn't have to read through, because, for example,</p> <p>19 Outlook got a notification while I was at the station that</p> <p>20 I believe -- I, again, haven't looked at this in a long</p> <p>21 period of time, Sharon Stark was emailing about tracking me</p> <p>22 and doing the front running. And as you know with Outlook</p> <p>23 there's blurbs of information that come out.</p> <p>24 <b>Q And did you click on that email from Sharon</b></p> <p>25 <b>Stark?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 431</p> <p>1 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike the nonresponsive</p> <p>2 portion of the answer.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Unless he and Ramatowski signed</p> <p>4 a settlement agreement --</p> <p>5 THE COURT REPORTER: I did not get the rest of</p> <p>6 what you said at all.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Yes. And I said -- what do you</p> <p>8 have last?</p> <p>9 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry?</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Where were you at again?</p> <p>11 THE COURT REPORTER: He committed suicide.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yes, he committed -- he</p> <p>13 committed suicide from bullying and harassment. And I</p> <p>14 believe Gary Hammen signed a settlement agreement with</p> <p>15 Christine Ramatowski where he was emailing and very upset</p> <p>16 that she would not release his transcripts, program</p> <p>17 director letters and other things unless he signed a</p> <p>18 settlement agreement. And I've seen those documents.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q Move to strike the nonresponsive portion of</b></p> <p>21 <b>the answer.</b></p> <p>22 <b>Sir, I'm here to ask you questions about your</b></p> <p>23 <b>personal knowledge.</b></p> <p>24 A Yes, it is.</p> <p>25 <b>Q I'm not here to listen to you give some speech</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 432</p> <p>1 <b>about something else. Do you understand?</b></p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>3 MR. MAREK: Objection.</p> <p>4 MR. NOLAN: I object to the fact that you are</p> <p>5 wasting all of our time. Do you understand that?</p> <p>6 MR. ELSTER: Objection, asked and answered,</p> <p>7 badgering the witness.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>10 A I understand that we need to move forward with</p> <p>11 the deposition and let's move forward. You asked me if</p> <p>12 there were other people on there, yes. And I provided</p> <p>13 context on why there were other people on there. I don't</p> <p>14 know why --</p> <p>15 <b>Q All I asked you was are other people on there.</b></p> <p>16 <b>It was a yes or no question.</b></p> <p>17 MR. RUTTER: He's answered your question.</p> <p>18 Move on, please.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I believe it was Gary Hammen,</p> <p>20 and that was the other person that they were talking about,</p> <p>21 Jeff Weisman and Gary Hammen, the two people they</p> <p>22 continually were harassing and bullying.</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24 <b>Q You understand when you took the oath at the</b></p> <p>25 <b>beginning of this deposition to give full and complete and</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 434</p> <p>1 A All right. Please let's move forward then.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Will you do that?</b></p> <p>3 A Yep. Please let's move forward.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Thank you.</b></p> <p>5 <b>All right. So how long did it take you to</b></p> <p>6 <b>read through all these emails and take these 73 pictures of</b></p> <p>7 <b>them?</b></p> <p>8 A You know, I don't recall the exact amount of</p> <p>9 time, but it didn't take that long. That's probably why</p> <p>10 there were duplicate images, because I, you know, just very</p> <p>11 quickly saw what they are and took images of them. You</p> <p>12 know, again, I don't recall the exact amount of time</p> <p>13 that -- that it took to do that.</p> <p>14 <b>Q You also realize from reading through the</b></p> <p>15 <b>emails and taking pictures of them that there was</b></p> <p>16 <b>information about patients in some of those emails,</b></p> <p>17 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>18 A I don't recall if there was patient</p> <p>19 information in those emails. I -- would -- would you be</p> <p>20 able to let me look at them to refresh my memory? I know</p> <p>21 you guys have them.</p> <p>22 <b>Q We will. We will.</b></p> <p>23 A Okay.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Did you tell anyone that day other than</b></p> <p>25 <b>allegedly telling Dr. Benzinger -- well, strike that.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 433</p> <p>1 <b>truthful answers, they were supposed to be answers to my</b></p> <p>2 <b>questions, right?</b></p> <p>3 MR. ELSTER: Objection, asked and answered,</p> <p>4 badgering the witness.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I know. I understand.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q You understand I don't want to hear what you</b></p> <p>8 <b>had for breakfast this morning or what your favorite</b></p> <p>9 <b>baseball team is. Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>10 MR. ELSTER: Same objections.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. And I've not talked</p> <p>12 about my baseball team or breakfast. I'm talking -- you</p> <p>13 asked me who else was on the emails, and I said Gary</p> <p>14 Hammen.</p> <p>15 And you're -- and you intentionally trying to</p> <p>16 keep it vague to say other people as opposed to Gary</p> <p>17 Hammen, the other resident that was bullied with me, that</p> <p>18 was grouped with me all the time, who eventually killed</p> <p>19 himself from the bullying.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q Would you please listen carefully to my</b></p> <p>22 <b>questions --</b></p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 <b>Q -- and limit your answer to just the</b></p> <p>25 <b>responsive substance.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 435</p> <p>1 <b>Did you tell Dr. Benzinger that you took</b></p> <p>2 <b>photographs of his emails?</b></p> <p>3 A I don't believe I told him that I took</p> <p>4 photographs at that point.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Why did you take the photographs?</b></p> <p>6 A I took the photographs because this was --</p> <p>7 for -- for multiple reasons. But they were denying -- they</p> <p>8 were lying to me that they were doing the front running and</p> <p>9 contacting people about me and Gary Hammen. I had asked</p> <p>10 them about it multiple times, and I was told we would never</p> <p>11 do anything like that, nobody's contacting people about</p> <p>12 you. And this was the evidence of it.</p> <p>13 I also had been told this was going on by, for</p> <p>14 example, Laura Cavallone, Dr. Kettner, and other physicians</p> <p>15 that were saying we're not going to give you bad</p> <p>16 evaluations, we're not going to try to get rid of you,</p> <p>17 we're getting emails from Richard Benzinger and other</p> <p>18 people about you, but we'll just, you know, we're going to</p> <p>19 give you a fair shake. So I knew these existed.</p> <p>20 So I took images to make sure that I had</p> <p>21 copies of what was going on with the abuse and the</p> <p>22 harassment. And I was also concerned, as I stated earlier,</p> <p>23 about False Claims Act issues.</p> <p>24 <b>Q What with regards to False Claims Act issues</b></p> <p>25 <b>did you think were implicated by the emails?</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 436</p> <p>1 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal 2 conclusion. 3 THE WITNESS: So as I said, I hired a False 4 Claims Acts attorney and was looking for information per 5 their -- per discussions I had with them. 6 Based on those discussions I felt that there 7 was information in there, in those emails, that related 8 to -- to that situation. 9 BY MR. NOLAN: 10 <b>Q Okay. What information?</b> 11 A Just in the information about myself and Gary 12 and what was going on with us. 13 <b>Q And how did you believe that related to False</b> 14 <b>Claims Act?</b> 15 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion. 16 THE WITNESS: Because I talked to my attorneys 17 about what -- what -- what would be, you know, what would 18 be related to False Claims Act. And I'm not -- I'm not an 19 expert in the False Claims Act. I've hired attorneys that 20 are experts in it, and they told me to -- they gave me 21 advice and those emails fit what that advice was. 22 BY MR. NOLAN: 23 <b>Q So you were there looking through</b> 24 <b>Dr. Benzinger's emails looking for evidence of False Claims</b> 25 <b>Act violations, is that right?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 438</p> <p>1 <b>Q Okay. To make some money, right?</b> 2 MR. RUTTER: Objection, argumentative. 3 THE WITNESS: No. To -- to prevent improper 4 activities going on. 5 BY MR. NOLAN: 6 <b>Q Okay. Did you ever tell anyone at</b> 7 <b>Barnes-Jewish Hospital or Wash U that you had taken</b> 8 <b>photographs of Dr. Benzinger's emails?</b> 9 A I don't believe I did. I believe I just told 10 my attorneys. 11 <b>Q Why didn't you tell anyone at Barnes-Jewish</b> 12 <b>Hospital or Wash U?</b> 13 A Because my attorneys had told me to keep 14 confidential any activities related to my investigation for 15 a lawsuit. 16 <b>Q Have you or anyone on your behalf reported any</b> 17 <b>claims of alleged False Claims Act violations to any</b> 18 <b>governmental agency?</b> 19 A I have not made a report to a governmental 20 agency about the False Claims Act. 21 <b>Q Have you talked to anyone about it other than</b> 22 <b>your attorneys?</b> 23 A I have only talked to my attorneys about it. 24 <b>Q Yesterday you mentioned that you felt like you</b> 25 <b>had authorization to review Dr. Benzinger's emails, do you</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 437</p> <p>1 A That -- that was one part of the reason. Also 2 the harassment and breach of contract that was going on and 3 likely ADA discrimination against Hammen and myself for 4 standing up for Hammen, as well as USERRA discrimination 5 against Hammen and myself -- 6 (Reporter clarification.) 7 THE WITNESS: USERRA. I believe it's 8 U-S-E-R-R-A, discrimination that was happening against 9 Hammen and me for standing up for Hammen. 10 BY MR. NOLAN: 11 <b>Q Because it was your intention if there were</b> 12 <b>False Claims Act violations that you were going to file a</b> 13 <b>lawsuit?</b> 14 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal 15 conclusion as to whether or not those emails substantiate a 16 False Claims Acts violation. 17 THE WITNESS: It was my intention to gather 18 information, tell my attorneys about that information and 19 let them proceed for any legal purposes that were necessary 20 and I would follow their advice. 21 BY MR. NOLAN: 22 <b>Q Yeah. So you had in mind that there was a</b> 23 <b>possibility that you all might file a False Claims Act</b> 24 <b>lawsuit, yes?</b> 25 A Correct.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 439</p> <p>1 <b>recall that?</b> 2 MR. RUTTER: Objection, misstates prior 3 testimony. 4 BY MR. NOLAN: 5 <b>Q I'm sorry, did I misstate your prior</b> 6 <b>testimony?</b> 7 A Well, I don't recall word for word what was -- 8 I don't recall word for word what -- what was said on that 9 yesterday, but I -- I did say that I believed that I had 10 authorization to look at those emails. 11 <b>Q Okay. Can you give me the basis for what you</b> 12 <b>believed to be the authorization?</b> 13 A Well, it was on -- they were open on my 14 workstation that I had logged into. I had been given 15 access to them. And I was taking information just to give 16 to my attorneys. As a lawyer I reasonably believed that I 17 was allowed to take information that would show something 18 improper such as an FCA or a ADA discrimination or 19 something like that and give it to my legal counsel. 20 And the reason I believed that is because I -- 21 I, one, talked to my attorneys about -- about these types 22 of things, which I had confidential conversations with 23 them, and, two, that, you know, that -- that's -- this is a 24 digital work -- this is digital work area where everybody 25 is using a computer. Everybody is working in a digital</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 440</p> <p>1 space. And if you weren't allowed -- if you saw something</p> <p>2 improper that came across your desk or your terminal, which</p> <p>3 is in this case your desk, you're, you know, you're allowed</p> <p>4 to take that and give that to lawyer.</p> <p>5 If not, nobody would ever file a Civil Rights</p> <p>6 case, an ADA case, a discrimination case. That -- that</p> <p>7 stuff just wouldn't occur without being able to take</p> <p>8 evidence. That's how a lot of these cases occur, a memo</p> <p>9 comes across a secretary's desk and they report that to</p> <p>10 lawyer. It keeps big firms in business.</p> <p>11 It's, you know, it's -- it's -- it's, you</p> <p>12 know, it is what it is. So, you know, again, that's why,</p> <p>13 you know, I felt that I had permission to take those, you</p> <p>14 know, I reasonably believed I had permission to take those.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Anything else that you base your belief that</b></p> <p>16 <b>you had authorization to look at and take pictures of</b></p> <p>17 <b>Dr. Benzinger's emails?</b></p> <p>18 A Well, again, as I said, conversations with my</p> <p>19 attorneys and their legal analysis and what I had just</p> <p>20 spoken on.</p> <p>21 But what I can say is this, I did not take his</p> <p>22 password, I did not forward any emails in his account, I</p> <p>23 did not delete anything in his account. I did not take a</p> <p>24 byte of data from that computer account. I took images</p> <p>25 on -- on my device.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 442</p> <p>1 <b>Q Okay. Well, please tell me what else you</b></p> <p>2 <b>believed at that point in time that led you to think that</b></p> <p>3 <b>you had authorization to look at and take photographs of</b></p> <p>4 <b>those emails?</b></p> <p>5 A Just to go through the list of anything else</p> <p>6 that -- that -- well, let's see, Richard Benzinger had been</p> <p>7 in my -- Richard Benzinger, I know, had been looking in my</p> <p>8 email box.</p> <p>9 Additionally, when we worked together on</p> <p>10 shared computers, people regularly look at other people's</p> <p>11 emails to go pull up things such as patient lits or to pull</p> <p>12 up information, data, documents on -- on medication dosing</p> <p>13 or anesthesia protocols.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Anything else?</b></p> <p>15 A I'm -- I'm happy to think on it more, but</p> <p>16 those were, you know, those were some of my primary</p> <p>17 reasons.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Anything else?</b></p> <p>19 A You know, again, I'm happy to think on it</p> <p>20 more. I'm sure I -- there -- there were lots of thoughts</p> <p>21 going through my head on that. But as I said, those --</p> <p>22 those are my primary reasons.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Okay. Well, you understand this is my</b></p> <p>24 <b>opportunity to ask you what was going on in your mind at</b></p> <p>25 <b>the time you accessed these emails, and I need you to tell</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 441</p> <p>1 Sorry.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Images of data that was on his email, yes?</b></p> <p>3 A I took images of his email, but I -- but I did</p> <p>4 not take a byte of data from his computer.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Well, the data was on his computer and then it</b></p> <p>6 <b>was on your phone, yes?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Well, that's not the same --</p> <p>9 well, I -- I would let a computer expert speak to that.</p> <p>10 But I, you know, I did not take data from that computer. I</p> <p>11 didn't put anything on a USB drive. I didn't forward an</p> <p>12 email. I didn't transfer any files.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Okay. Anything else that you base your belief</b></p> <p>15 <b>of authorization on other than what you've just described?</b></p> <p>16 A I mean, I would think on it more, because as I</p> <p>17 said, I had conversations with my attorneys and, you</p> <p>18 know --</p> <p>19 <b>Q I know. You already said that.</b></p> <p>20 A Yeah, yeah.</p> <p>21 <b>Q Anything else?</b></p> <p>22 A I would, you know -- those were the prime</p> <p>23 reasons. I'm sure there are other thoughts going through</p> <p>24 my mind on that, but those were the primary reasons that I</p> <p>25 had taken that and that I had taken those images.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 443</p> <p>1 <b>me everything that you recall at this point in time.</b></p> <p>2 MR. RUTTER: Objection, argumentative, asked</p> <p>3 and answered.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>6 A I understand what you're saying. And I'm just</p> <p>7 saying right now, as I recall, those are the main reasons.</p> <p>8 I want to be accurate and I want to be truthful. If I, you</p> <p>9 know, if I come up with anything, if I remember anything</p> <p>10 else, you know, I'm happy to let everyone know.</p> <p>11 But I'm just saying those were the primary</p> <p>12 thoughts when I was, you know, you know looking at, you</p> <p>13 know, emails. It was open on my computer, as I said. And</p> <p>14 I talked to attorneys about this previously. And, you</p> <p>15 know, again, I believed, I fully believed that I had</p> <p>16 authorization to take those images because of, as I said,</p> <p>17 what those documents were showing in relation to legal</p> <p>18 issues going on.</p> <p>19 <b>Q So in part your belief was based on the advice</b></p> <p>20 <b>of counsel, they said that you could look at other</b></p> <p>21 <b>people's --</b></p> <p>22 MR. MAREK: Objection --</p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, privileged.</p> <p>24 MR. NOLAN: -- emails, correct?</p> <p>25 MR. ELSTER: Objection, privileged</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 444</p> <p>1 information.</p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Instruct the witness not to answer</p> <p>3 that.</p> <p>4 MR. NOLAN: He's been saying it. He's been</p> <p>5 saying it. He said it 20 times.</p> <p>6 MR. MAREK: Instruct the witness not to answer</p> <p>7 about communications between him and any attorneys on any</p> <p>8 subject.</p> <p>9 MR. NOLAN: He put it at issue.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Hold on. All I'm just saying is</p> <p>11 I spoke with my attorneys and I -- and I spoke to my</p> <p>12 attorneys and, you know, that's it. You know, I had legal</p> <p>13 counsel and I spoke to attorneys. That -- that's it.</p> <p>14 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>15 <b>Q And they said you could access other peoples</b></p> <p>16 <b>emails?</b></p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>18 MR. MAREK: Objection, attorney/client</p> <p>19 privilege. Instruct the witness not to answer any</p> <p>20 questions about communications with counsel.</p> <p>21 Are you going to continue to try to --</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I'm not going to answer any more</p> <p>23 questions on this.</p> <p>24 MR. MAREK: -- roll over the privilege.</p> <p>25 MR. NOLAN: Stop your speaking objections.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 446</p> <p>1 A I gave them my -- I took the images on my old</p> <p>2 iPhone and I gave them my old iPhone to transfer from.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Did they give that old iPhone back to you?</b></p> <p>4 A Yes, they gave me that old iPhone back.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Were the original images still on the phone</b></p> <p>6 <b>when you got the old iPhone back?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Objection, vague, original</p> <p>8 images.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: You know, you know, again, I</p> <p>10 don't recall what was done for the full transfer process,</p> <p>11 but I gave them my device, they transferred the images</p> <p>12 over, and I didn't retain any.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Do you still have that old iPhone?</b></p> <p>15 A I don't have that old iPhone. That was from</p> <p>16 2017. I've had probably two or three new phones since</p> <p>17 then.</p> <p>18 <b>Q When did you get rid of that old iPhone?</b></p> <p>19 A I don't remember the exact date. I normally</p> <p>20 would get a new iPhone every year or two just through a</p> <p>21 family plan. So I just get a new phone when it, you know,</p> <p>22 came up. But I, you know --</p> <p>23 <b>Q Did you transfer the images that you took of</b></p> <p>24 <b>Dr. Benzinger's emails to a computer or an iPad or an</b></p> <p>25 <b>iCloud or anything like that?</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 445</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Are you going to follow your attorney's advice</b></p> <p>3 <b>and refuse to answer my question?</b></p> <p>4 A I'm going to follow my attorney's advice.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Okay. What did you do with the pictures?</b></p> <p>6 A I -- so I had the images and I eventually</p> <p>7 gave, you know, I gave them to my -- my counsel.</p> <p>8 <b>Q When did you give them to your counsel?</b></p> <p>9 A I believe it -- I'm trying to think of the</p> <p>10 exact date, since there was a lot -- there was a lot of</p> <p>11 materials that I gave to counsel. I -- I don't recall the</p> <p>12 exact date that I gave it to them. I'm more than happy to</p> <p>13 go back and try to refresh memory, but I don't recall the</p> <p>14 exact day right now.</p> <p>15 <b>Q How would you refresh your memory on that?</b></p> <p>16 A I would probably go back and -- and look at --</p> <p>17 at when I had given documents. I'd probably look and see</p> <p>18 when I had given documents to my attorneys and, you know,</p> <p>19 see when I had given them that.</p> <p>20 <b>Q How did you transfer or transmit the images to</b></p> <p>21 <b>your attorneys?</b></p> <p>22 A I gave the attorney -- I gave my attorneys my</p> <p>23 devices and, you know, they then, you know, gathered --</p> <p>24 gathered information.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Which devices?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 447</p> <p>1 A I -- I don't recall doing that. I don't</p> <p>2 believe I put it on a computer. I don't believe I put it</p> <p>3 on an iCloud. I don't believe I put it on a tablet.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Did you save it to any kind of memory device</b></p> <p>5 <b>like a thumb drive?</b></p> <p>6 A I believe my attorneys had -- I believe</p> <p>7 there -- I believe my attorneys had made copies of -- of</p> <p>8 the images. You know, again, as I said, I gave them -- I</p> <p>9 brought everything over and they -- they took them to</p> <p>10 process for discovery, and -- and they retained, and they</p> <p>11 retained them or processed them as they did. I -- I just</p> <p>12 gave the information.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Do you recall if you gave them to your</b></p> <p>14 <b>attorneys before or after you offered your formal</b></p> <p>15 <b>resignation to the program?</b></p> <p>16 A I want to be accurate. I don't recall the</p> <p>17 exact date that I gave them over. I'd want -- I'd want to</p> <p>18 make sure. As I said, I was, you know, in touch with</p> <p>19 counsel off and on over the past several years, so I'd want</p> <p>20 to make sure I gave an accurate date. I don't recall the</p> <p>21 exact day right now. I'm sorry.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Well, I appreciate your answer, but I was just</b></p> <p>23 <b>asking do you recall was it before or after you offered</b></p> <p>24 <b>your formal resignation.</b></p> <p>25 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 448</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I -- I don't</p> <p>2 recall at this time the exact date.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 Q Okay. On the JPEG images which were produced</p> <p>5 to us, under the properties tab, it's got a date of, I</p> <p>6 believe, April 9th, 2018. Does that refresh your</p> <p>7 recollection as to when you would have provided your old</p> <p>8 iPhone to your attorneys?</p> <p>9 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I'd need to see</p> <p>11 the -- I need to see, you know, just my communications with</p> <p>12 my attorneys and when I dropped things off, etc. But, you</p> <p>13 know, again, I -- you know, I'm happy to look at dates</p> <p>14 if -- if you said there's a JPEG image date of, what was</p> <p>15 that again, April?</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 Q I believe April 9th, 2018.</p> <p>18 A April 9th of 2018, you know, again, I'm happy</p> <p>19 to -- and if I could see a document, or if you've got that,</p> <p>20 I'm happy to look at it and refresh memory. But, again,</p> <p>21 this is going back many years at this point.</p> <p>22 Q Did you ever email any of those images to your</p> <p>23 attorneys?</p> <p>24 A I did not email those images to my attorney.</p> <p>25 I don't believe I did.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 450</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 Q Right. But it was his private email account,</p> <p>3 right?</p> <p>4 MR. ELSTER: Same objections.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Again, it was his -- it was his</p> <p>6 email account, but the data -- the data in those emails --</p> <p>7 and, you know, again, I'm not -- I'm not a computer expert,</p> <p>8 but that data from those emails was sitting on my desktop</p> <p>9 workstation.</p> <p>10 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>11 Q That Dr. Benzinger's private email account is</p> <p>12 on a network used by Washington University and</p> <p>13 Barnes-Jewish Hospital, correct?</p> <p>14 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know the specifics</p> <p>16 of who -- I don't know the specifics of who owns the</p> <p>17 network at Barnes, the desktop computer, the software. I</p> <p>18 mean, for example, many organizations that have email</p> <p>19 accounts, they use Microsoft and Amazon for hosting, or</p> <p>20 Google for hosting.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 Q And you would agree with me that the</p> <p>23 information on those emails were conversations between</p> <p>24 people other than yourself, yes?</p> <p>25 A Yes, those emails were conversations between</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 449</p> <p>1 Q Did you identify any of those emails or the</p> <p>2 substance of the communications in the emails in your</p> <p>3 interrogatory answers which have been marked as B1 or B2?</p> <p>4 A And so you're asking if any of the information</p> <p>5 from those emails is in the interrogatory answers?</p> <p>6 Q Yeah.</p> <p>7 A Well, let's see. Again, as I said, I've not</p> <p>8 looked at those emails in a very long time. You know, as I</p> <p>9 said, I recall they were talking harassing and bullying of</p> <p>10 myself and Gary Hammen. So, you know, my -- I -- I would</p> <p>11 have to say I don't recall. I would have to talk with my</p> <p>12 counsel to see if they had put anything in the</p> <p>13 interrogatory answer. I just don't recall.</p> <p>14 I don't necessarily believe so. But, again,</p> <p>15 I -- I don't recall. I haven't seen those emails in a long</p> <p>16 time. I'd be happy to look at those emails and refresh my</p> <p>17 memory.</p> <p>18 Q You would agree with me that the data you</p> <p>19 captured when you took the pictures of the emails resided</p> <p>20 within Dr. Benzinger's private email account, yes?</p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Object, form, legal conclusion.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- I -- I wouldn't agree</p> <p>23 with that for the following reason, I mean, I know we're</p> <p>24 getting technical, but it was on my community computer that</p> <p>25 I was using.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 451</p> <p>1 people other than myself.</p> <p>2 Q And you never would have gained access to that</p> <p>3 information but for looking at Dr. Benzinger's emails, yes?</p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Again, I can't speculate on</p> <p>6 that. All I can say is Richard Benzinger gave me access.</p> <p>7 He left it open on my computer and I saw them.</p> <p>8 MR. NOLAN: Yeah, let's take a short break. I</p> <p>9 need to -- I need to go through and pluck out some of these</p> <p>10 photographs that I believe are attorney/client privileged.</p> <p>11 So it's going to take just a minute.</p> <p>12 MR. ELSTER: Okay.</p> <p>13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at</p> <p>14 approximately 11:16 a.m.</p> <p>15 (Thereupon, a recess was taken, after which</p> <p>16 the following proceedings were had:)</p> <p>17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on record at</p> <p>18 approximately 11:34 a.m.</p> <p>19 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B3 was marked</p> <p>20 for identification.)</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 Q I'm handing you what's been marked as</p> <p>23 Exhibit B3. I'll represent to you that those are some of</p> <p>24 the emails -- or excuse me, some of the JPEG images which</p> <p>25 were produced to us by your attorney, Edward Moore, on or</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 452</p> <p>1 about November 19th, 2021 under a cover letter in which he</p> <p>2 recognized that some of the pictures may complain -- may</p> <p>3 contain privileged information.</p> <p>4 Now, I have, just for the record, I have</p> <p>5 removed all of the images that I believe contain protected</p> <p>6 information. And if I missed one, it was not my intention</p> <p>7 to do so, and we would, if we discover that in the future,</p> <p>8 we would --</p> <p>9 MR. RUTTER: Are you willing to agree to</p> <p>10 produce us a privilege log?</p> <p>11 MR. NOLAN: Yes.</p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Great.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Do you mind if I ask, how many</p> <p>14 images are in the stack?</p> <p>15 MR. NOLAN: Let me see. Just for the record,</p> <p>16 I removed Images 22, 23, 31, 32, 41, 66 and 68.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 Q Okay. So do you recognize those images which</p> <p>19 are contained in Exhibit B3?</p> <p>20 A Yes, I recognize, these appear to be the</p> <p>21 images that I took.</p> <p>22 Q Of Dr. Benzinger's emails?</p> <p>23 A This appears to be it.</p> <p>24 Q I believe your original document production</p> <p>25 did not include these emails. Do you have an understanding</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 454</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I don't recall</p> <p>2 if they're referenced in any pleadings. As I said, I have</p> <p>3 not looked at these emails -- these images in a very long</p> <p>4 time and I'd have to compare them to any pleadings. So,</p> <p>5 again, I just --</p> <p>6 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I have to look -- I haven't</p> <p>8 looked at these images in a very long time, so I'd have to</p> <p>9 look at it.</p> <p>10 MR. NOLAN: For the record, I'd like to mark</p> <p>11 this exhibit and this line of testimony regarding the</p> <p>12 Exhibit B3 as confidential.</p> <p>13 MR. ELSTER: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. NOLAN: Any objections?</p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: No.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 Q Did you say that there was some information</p> <p>18 contained in these emails that in your mind would give rise</p> <p>19 to a False Claims Acts violation?</p> <p>20 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>21 conclusion.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: You know, I believe I made that</p> <p>23 statement, but, you know, that would be -- that would</p> <p>24 require a legal conclusion to be made.</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 453</p> <p>1 as to why?</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent it calls</p> <p>3 for privileged communications.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, no, I don't have knowledge</p> <p>5 on that.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 Q When was the last time you reviewed the</p> <p>8 pictures of those emails?</p> <p>9 A I don't remember the last date that I reviewed</p> <p>10 these emails.</p> <p>11 Q Did you review them in relation to the</p> <p>12 drafting of the complaint in this lawsuit?</p> <p>13 A Here again I don't remember the last time I</p> <p>14 reviewed these emails as far as that goes. I apologize.</p> <p>15 Q Well, that question was a little different.</p> <p>16 Did you review them relative to the drafting of the</p> <p>17 complaint in this lawsuit?</p> <p>18 A I don't believe so.</p> <p>19 Q In any of the motions or pleadings that you</p> <p>20 filed with the court, did you or your attorneys ever</p> <p>21 disclose the presence of these pictures of Dr. Benzinger's</p> <p>22 emails?</p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, overly-broad as to</p> <p>24 time.</p> <p>25 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 455</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 Q I'm asking in your mind. So it's okay, go</p> <p>3 ahead.</p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Same objection.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: And I don't know if I'm able</p> <p>6 to -- yeah. Give me one moment. I'm just refreshing</p> <p>7 myself on these images since I haven't seen them in a very</p> <p>8 long time.</p> <p>9 I've done a very quick scan and overview of</p> <p>10 these. I haven't read them all fully. And I just wanted</p> <p>11 to -- and these are all the ones aside from the</p> <p>12 confidential ones, or the privileged is what you're saying.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 Q Correct.</p> <p>15 A Okay. And I just wanted to make sure because</p> <p>16 I don't -- I don't see anything about patients in here. So</p> <p>17 I just want to make sure since there's no -- you mentioned</p> <p>18 that you -- you had stated there was some patient</p> <p>19 information. I don't see anything about patients in here,</p> <p>20 just myself and Gary Hammen. So there's nothing else</p> <p>21 that's supposed to be in here?</p> <p>22 Q Well, I believe my question -- and let me just</p> <p>23 reask it, because it's been a little while.</p> <p>24 A Okay.</p> <p>25 Q Thank you for taking the time to do a cursory</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 456</p> <p>1 review of those photographs. As you sit here today, do you</p> <p>2 see anything that in your mind implicates a False Claims</p> <p>3 Act violation?</p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>5 conclusion.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: So, again, I see things that are</p> <p>7 improper activities. I see things that are improper</p> <p>8 activities in here.</p> <p>9 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Anything that in your mind implicates a</p> <p>11 False Claim violation?</p> <p>12 A I see things -- you know, as I said, or, you</p> <p>13 know, I'm not the lawyer making a legal conclusion, but I</p> <p>14 see things in here that are improper activities that I felt</p> <p>15 were problematic and needed to be reviewed.</p> <p>16 Q In relation to the False Claims Act?</p> <p>17 A Yes, that -- that, you know, as I said, I saw</p> <p>18 things that were improper that needed to -- to be reviewed.</p> <p>19 And, you know, I'm not making a legal conclusion myself,</p> <p>20 but I saw things that were improper and concerning.</p> <p>21 Q In relation to the False Claims Act, yes?</p> <p>22 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24 Q Yes or no?</p> <p>25 A Well, as I said, I saw things that were</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 458</p> <p>1 because I felt they were improper.</p> <p>2 MR. NOLAN: Please let the record reflect the</p> <p>3 witness is refusing to answer my question. We'll be moving</p> <p>4 for sanctions.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 Q Would you turn to Page 12 of Exhibit B3. It's</p> <p>7 a picture of an email from Russell Groener to Dr. Benzinger</p> <p>8 dated October 31, 2017.</p> <p>9 A These aren't numbered, so hold on.</p> <p>10 Q Yeah. You'll just have to count the pages.</p> <p>11 A One, two, three, five, six, seven, eight,</p> <p>12 nine, ten, eleven. What date, 10?</p> <p>13 Q Or maybe it's 11. Do you see the email from</p> <p>14 Groener to Benzinger?</p> <p>15 A I'm sorry, there -- there's two. There's one</p> <p>16 from 10 -- sorry. There -- there's one -- one from Russell</p> <p>17 Groener at 10:31 to Laura Cavallone cc'ing Benzinger, and</p> <p>18 then there's another one just to Benzinger alone.</p> <p>19 Q Go to the one Benzinger alone that starts with</p> <p>20 just a heads-up. Do you see that?</p> <p>21 A Yes, I see just a heads-up.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. You took this photograph of the email</p> <p>23 that Russell Groener sent to Dr. Benzinger, correct?</p> <p>24 A Yes, I see that.</p> <p>25 Q You were not copied on it, correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 457</p> <p>1 improper and I felt needed to be reviewed.</p> <p>2 Q In relation to the False Claims Act, yes or</p> <p>3 no?</p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Objection, argumentative, asked</p> <p>5 and answered.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: As I said -- as I said, in</p> <p>7 relation to your question, I saw things that were improper</p> <p>8 that I felt needed to be reviewed.</p> <p>9 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>10 Q What things did you see that you thought were</p> <p>11 improper that might be a violation of the False Claims Act?</p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>13 conclusion.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Again, I saw improper activity</p> <p>15 relating to -- you know, I saw improper activity relating</p> <p>16 to myself and Gary Hammen, and I felt that it was improper</p> <p>17 and I wanted it to be reviewed.</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 Q How did you think it related to the False</p> <p>20 Claims Act?</p> <p>21 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>22 conclusion.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: And as I said, I saw things that</p> <p>24 were improper that I felt needed to be reviewed, and I</p> <p>25 wanted to pass along those materials for somebody to review</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 459</p> <p>1 A That is correct.</p> <p>2 Q Dated Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 at</p> <p>3 8:10 a.m., correct?</p> <p>4 A Yeah, Russell Groener, Tuesday, October 31st,</p> <p>5 2017 at 8:10 a.m. to Richard Benzinger.</p> <p>6 Q Who is Dr. Groener?</p> <p>7 A Dr. Groener is an anesthesia faculty member</p> <p>8 who I believe was either assistant or associate program</p> <p>9 director, and Richard Benzinger was the program director.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And Dr. Groener is discussing his</p> <p>11 concerns about your performance as a resident, yes?</p> <p>12 A That appears to be what this email states.</p> <p>13 Q Dr. Groener advises Dr. Benzinger, quote, just</p> <p>14 a heads-up that Jeff Weisman failed his peds rotation. Did</p> <p>15 I read that correctly?</p> <p>16 A Peds for pediatrics.</p> <p>17 Q Thank you.</p> <p>18 Reading on he states, there was consensus that</p> <p>19 his performance reached a level of deeply troubling with</p> <p>20 serious concern for patient safety. And he underlined of</p> <p>21 deeply troubling with serious concern for patient safety,</p> <p>22 isn't that correct?</p> <p>23 A That's what the document says, but the words</p> <p>24 are not accurate at all.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. You would agree that Dr. Groener is</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 460</p> <p>1 discussing his evaluation of your performance, yes?</p> <p>2 A He -- he's discussing -- he's -- he's writing</p> <p>3 about -- he's writing about me, but I would -- but I would</p> <p>4 disagree that this is about my -- this is accurate and</p> <p>5 about my performance.</p> <p>6 Q You would agree that evaluations such as the</p> <p>7 ones that faculty members in the program do with regards to</p> <p>8 residents have a subjective component to them, yes?</p> <p>9 A Well, evaluations are supposed to be</p> <p>10 objectively done. They're supposed to be accurate and</p> <p>11 objective per ACGME guidelines.</p> <p>12 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Per ACGME guidelines. They're</p> <p>14 not -- they're not supposed to take preferences, if you</p> <p>15 like somebody, if you don't like somebody. Evaluations are</p> <p>16 supposed to be accurate and honest per ACGME guidelines.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 Q They include a subjective component, yes?</p> <p>19 A I -- you know, I would say I'd have to go look</p> <p>20 at the ACGME guidelines. My understanding was that</p> <p>21 evaluations were supposed to be -- that were supposed to be</p> <p>22 objectively done to be accurate and honest and not to have</p> <p>23 subjective components of personal opinions or preferences.</p> <p>24 Q You can't Dr. Groener's mind, can you?</p> <p>25 A I'm not a mind reader.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 462</p> <p>1 neutral and negative.</p> <p>2 So he would have an anesthesia faculty member</p> <p>3 email him. And as an example, because I don't have this in</p> <p>4 front of me, the faculty member might say, you know, Jeff</p> <p>5 did a good job today, oh, he should work on this.</p> <p>6 And then what Russell Groener did, or appeared</p> <p>7 to have done in that PowerPoint slide was to slice the</p> <p>8 comment and move the Jeff did a good job to the good area</p> <p>9 and then he should work on this to the bad area.</p> <p>10 And then when it came time for evaluations, he</p> <p>11 seems to have just taken from the bad PowerPoint slide</p> <p>12 where he'd slice comments up and put those in completely</p> <p>13 out of context.</p> <p>14 So to -- to answer the question on could I</p> <p>15 read Russell Groener's mind, no, I can't, but based on</p> <p>16 circumstances, facts and his behavior, I have strong reason</p> <p>17 to believe that he did these things. And he, in fact, did</p> <p>18 do these things.</p> <p>19 Q Do you remember my question?</p> <p>20 A Can you please repeat the question.</p> <p>21 Q I'm going to ask you as nicely as I can to</p> <p>22 please pay attention to my question and answer the question</p> <p>23 that's put to you. Do you understand that?</p> <p>24 A Yes, I understand, sir.</p> <p>25 Q Did Dr. Groener ever tell you verbally or in</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 461</p> <p>1 Q Right. Dr. Groener never you that what he put</p> <p>2 in this email was false, did he?</p> <p>3 A He actually did by way of a conversation I had</p> <p>4 him that's -- that we have record of.</p> <p>5 Q When did Dr. Groener tell you that the</p> <p>6 information he put in this email was false? And remember,</p> <p>7 you're under oath.</p> <p>8 A I know I'm under oath.</p> <p>9 Dr. Groener basically telegraphed to me that</p> <p>10 he was going to generate false evaluations in a meeting</p> <p>11 that I had with him. I worked with him, I believe, for you</p> <p>12 days on the pediatric month. And I had a meeting with him</p> <p>13 after one of those days. And he told me you did a good</p> <p>14 today, today was a good day, it went well.</p> <p>15 And I asked him will you sign a paper</p> <p>16 evaluation of me. And he said something roughly, quote, I</p> <p>17 don't want to put anything in writing, I don't want to get</p> <p>18 boxed in with you. So he -- at that point in time I knew</p> <p>19 that he was going to be, from that interaction, I was, in</p> <p>20 my personal opinion, very sure he was going to lie about</p> <p>21 evaluations or alter them or do something.</p> <p>22 And, in fact, he did, because we found in</p> <p>23 discovery that Russell Groener, what he did was he created</p> <p>24 a PowerPoint slide where -- slide show where he broke up --</p> <p>25 he broke up comments he was soliciting into positive,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 463</p> <p>1 writing that the information he put in this October 31st</p> <p>2 email was false?</p> <p>3 A I did not talk to Dr. Groener about this</p> <p>4 particular email and he did not talk with me about it.</p> <p>5 Q Reading on in this email, he wrote, some, in</p> <p>6 parenthesis by no all means, all out of parenthesis, of the</p> <p>7 comments were, and then the very first bullet point says,</p> <p>8 after mask induction, ready for intubation. Patient</p> <p>9 apneic. Did I read first sentence correctly?</p> <p>10 A It would be apneic, but, yes, after mask</p> <p>11 induction, ready for intubation, patient apneic. Resident</p> <p>12 decides to --</p> <p>13 Q No, no, that wasn't my question. What does</p> <p>14 apneic mean?</p> <p>15 A He's saying that the patient wasn't breathing.</p> <p>16 Q And that's a bad thing, right?</p> <p>17 A When you're doing it -- when you're doing</p> <p>18 anesthesia, you sedate patients and you intubate them, so</p> <p>19 there's lots of times they aren't breathing and we have a</p> <p>20 machine breathing for them.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And at that point was the machine</p> <p>22 breathing for him?</p> <p>23 A The machine wasn't breathing for that point</p> <p>24 because we had an oxygen mask on them and we were bag</p> <p>25 masking them. In fact, I was holding the mask in place and</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 464</p> <p>1 I was ventilating, and I said that we needed to get a  2 temperature probe, which was just a feet behind me, to put  3 on the table.  4 And the nurse in the OR said oh, I can -- I  5 can -- I can squeeze the bag. And I said thank you. And  6 she put her hand on the bag and I reached over --  7 (Reporter clarification.)  8 THE WITNESS: She put her hand on the bag, and  9 I reached over and I grabbed the nasal temperature probe  10 and I put it on our anesthesia table and then I resumed bag  11 masking.  12 So that is a completely out of context comment  13 made to cause an issue. So I would just say overall, I  14 just completely disagree with these -- with whatever is  15 written here based on the comments that I had with people.  16 BY MR. NOLAN:  17 <b>Q Okay. There was a reason that you were in the</b>  18 <b>residency program, right?</b>  19 MR. RUTTER: Objection, vague, form of the  20 question.  21 THE WITNESS: If you're asking me why someone  22 trains in a residency program, they train in a residency  23 program to learn -- to learn a particular specialty of  24 medicine.  25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 466</p> <p>1 <b>people like him, yes?</b>  2 A I was there to learn from him, but not to be  3 harassed, bullied and for him to harm patients trying to  4 harass and bully me.  5 <b>Q And he's there, in part, to make sure that the</b>  6 <b>patient is safe and receiving proper treatment, yes?</b>  7 A Every doctor at that hospital is there so a  8 patient is to be safe and receive proper care and  9 treatment.  10 <b>Q And he has an absolute duty to relay to the</b>  11 <b>members of the faculty if he feels that you are endangering</b>  12 <b>patient safety, yes?</b>  13 MR. ELSTER: Objection, form and legal  14 conclusion.  15 THE WITNESS: He has an -- he has a duty to  16 relay accurate, honest and true statements. He's not  17 having a duty to relay improper or false statements.  18 BY MR. SULLIVAN:  19 <b>Q So if he thought that it was improper for you</b>  20 <b>to abandon the patient and go back to the cart and fumble</b>  21 <b>around for a nasal temperature probe, are you saying that</b>  22 <b>he was wrong for that?</b>  23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, form.  24 THE WITNESS: What I'm saying is this is not  25 accurate.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 465</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:  2 <b>Q Right, which means you didn't have it before</b>  3 <b>you went into the program, right?</b>  4 A That means you don't have certain medical  5 knowledge.  6 <b>Q Right. Or experience, right?</b>  7 A That means that you do not have certain  8 medical experience or knowledge when you go into the  9 program. You do have four years of medical school, and you  10 do have common sense and honesty and integrity and  11 professionalism.  12 <b>Q Did you think at that point with four years of</b>  13 <b>medical school where you graduated 81st out of 110 in your</b>  14 <b>class, that you knew more than Dr. Groener about</b>  15 <b>anesthesiology?</b>  16 MR. ELSTER: Objection, badgering the witness.  17 THE WITNESS: I didn't think I knew more about  18 anesthesia, but I knew more about telling the truth than  19 him apparently because --  20 BY MR. NOLAN:  21 <b>Q You would agree that he knew much more and had</b>  22 <b>much more experience regarding anesthesiology and how to</b>  23 <b>treat patients during surgery than you, yes?</b>  24 A He had more experience than me.  25 <b>Q And that's why you were there, to learn from</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 467</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:  2 <b>Q You just said that you went to go get the</b>  3 <b>temperature probe when the patient wasn't breathing.</b>  4 A You're misstating what I said. Nobody  5 abandoned -- there was no patient that was ever abandoned  6 and I did a very good job. In fact --  7 <b>Q In your opinion?</b>  8 A No, this isn't my opinion. This is facts.  9 This is science. You can't abandon a patient when you're  10 holding your hand on the mask of the patient.  11 And the big thing I would say is I think  12 you -- you mentioned Cathy Krucylak yesterday. I was doing  13 a case under her supervision --  14 <b>Q Please, no, no. That is not responsive to a</b>  15 <b>question.</b>  16 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Excuse me. Excuse  17 me.  18 THE WITNESS: Russell Groener came into the  19 room --  20 MR. NOLAN: Please stop.  21 THE WITNESS: -- and said I need you to give a  22 dosed-up epinephrine to this child right now. And I said  23 there's no need to right now. And he said --  24 BY MR. NOLAN:  25 <b>Q Move to strike.</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 468</p> <p>1 A -- we'll give it because I said so.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Please stop wasting our time.</b></p> <p>3 A He said --</p> <p>4 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Excuse me. I</p> <p>5 can only take one of you at a time. So if you're going to</p> <p>6 keep talking, it's not going to matter because I can't get</p> <p>7 it all.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Well, so Russell Groener told me</p> <p>9 to immediately give a dose of epi, epinephrine, on a Cathy</p> <p>10 Krucylak patient, that wasn't his patient. I told Russell</p> <p>11 Groener there's no need -- there's no reason from the</p> <p>12 monitors to do it. And he said well, just do it now. So I</p> <p>13 took a picture of the monitors and I emailed or texted it</p> <p>14 to him and I said okay, I will give --</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q There's no question pending.</b></p> <p>17 A -- I will give this dose, but I texted this to</p> <p>18 you. And what he did was he immediately stormed out of the</p> <p>19 room. I told Cathy Krucylak about this interaction. She</p> <p>20 seemed very upset about him trying to harm one of her</p> <p>21 patients to create an issue with me.</p> <p>22 And Cathy Krucylak, who's another pediatric,</p> <p>23 and very senior pediatric anesthesiologist, gave me a very</p> <p>24 good letter of recommendation.</p> <p>25 <b>Q There's no question pending right now.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 470</p> <p>1 under circumstances like that?</p> <p>2 A Well, I'd need to see the exact circumstances</p> <p>3 of the case and what's -- what's going on. This is a</p> <p>4 comment in a vacuum, so --</p> <p>5 <b>Q In the third bullet point he says, when I</b></p> <p>6 <b>returned to the room, I noticed he had refilled the Sievo</b></p> <p>7 <b>vaporizer, in parenthesis nothing wrong with that, out of</b></p> <p>8 <b>parenthesis, however he failed to realize the vaporizer</b></p> <p>9 <b>wasn't properly engaged with the machine and, therefore, no</b></p> <p>10 <b>anesthetic agent was being delivered to the patient -- to</b></p> <p>11 <b>the patient, exclamation mark.</b></p> <p>12 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>13 A That's not an accurate statement of something</p> <p>14 that occurred, but you read --</p> <p>15 <b>Q Did I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>16 A -- you read the statement there.</p> <p>17 And, in fact, you'll find in the discovery</p> <p>18 that there's an email exchange between Douglas Thompson,</p> <p>19 the assistant program director --</p> <p>20 <b>Q That's not responsive to my question.</b></p> <p>21 A -- where he -- where he's emailing --</p> <p>22 <b>Q That's not responsive.</b></p> <p>23 A -- me the machine malfunctioned and that we</p> <p>24 should write a case report because machines like this</p> <p>25 particular brand of machine is known to malfunction.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 469</p> <p>1 A Then please ask a question.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Please stop wasting our time grandstanding and</b></p> <p>3 <b>making your baseless speculation.</b></p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Ask a question.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Please ask a question.</p> <p>6 MR. RUTTER: Ask a question.</p> <p>7 MR. NOLAN: No. I'm sick and tired of him</p> <p>8 wasting our time in this deposition.</p> <p>9 MR. RUTTER: We're sick and tired of this</p> <p>10 whole paternalistic -- just knock it off and ask him</p> <p>11 questions.</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q No, no. All right. Well, sir, looking back</b></p> <p>14 <b>again at this Groener email to Benzinger, in the second</b></p> <p>15 <b>bullet point he says, quote, when I returned to the room, I</b></p> <p>16 <b>noticed the ETCO2 was 89 and bellows were not moving.</b></p> <p>17 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>18 A Those are the words on the page, but I do not</p> <p>19 believe them to be accurate.</p> <p>20 <b>Q What is the ETCO2?</b></p> <p>21 A End-tidal CO2. So basically you're looking at</p> <p>22 something -- when someone's breathing in -- breathing in,</p> <p>23 you know, how much -- how much CO2 is in their -- is in</p> <p>24 their breath, the end-tidal CO2.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Okay. And is 89 a troubling number for ETCO2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 471</p> <p>1 <b>Q All I asked you was did I read that sentence</b></p> <p>2 <b>correctly.</b></p> <p>3 A You read the sentence correctly but without</p> <p>4 context.</p> <p>5 <b>Q You agree with me it would be very bad for a</b></p> <p>6 <b>patient to not be receiving the anesthetic agent under</b></p> <p>7 <b>circumstances like that, correct?</b></p> <p>8 A Well, a patient is -- depending on the stage</p> <p>9 of the procedure, a patient is supposed to have anesthetic</p> <p>10 agent. And the patient was receiving anesthetic agent,</p> <p>11 according to this. I believe it states end-tidal</p> <p>12 concentration of CO4 --</p> <p>13 THE COURT REPORTER: You're going to have to</p> <p>14 slow down.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry.</p> <p>16 THE COURT REPORTER: End-tidal.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: It said, the end-tidal</p> <p>18 concentration of Sievo had fallen to 0.5 percent.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q So you believe everything that Dr. Groener put</b></p> <p>21 <b>in this email is false?</b></p> <p>22 A My personal belief is that these statements</p> <p>23 are either false or out of context. And there's -- and</p> <p>24 there is evidence of many of these statements being false</p> <p>25 and out of context. I'm not here to say that I'm perfect.</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 472</p> <p>1 I'm a trainee. I'm learning like everyone else. We're</p> <p>2 here to learn.</p> <p>3 But for some reason, everything that occurred</p> <p>4 with me by certain people, Russell Groener, was taken out</p> <p>5 of context. But other faculty members in the pediatric</p> <p>6 department thought I was doing a great job and even wrote</p> <p>7 me letters of recommendation.</p> <p>8 <b>Q So is it your belief that all of the negative</b></p> <p>9 <b>evaluations that you received during your residency program</b></p> <p>10 <b>were false?</b></p> <p>11 A It's not my personal belief that every single</p> <p>12 thing was false. I'm a trainee. I'm on the learning</p> <p>13 curve. I'm there to learn and become a good doctor. But I</p> <p>14 do very much believe that many things were false or taken</p> <p>15 out of context.</p> <p>16 And we have proof that many things were false</p> <p>17 and taken out of context. Like they said I failed my</p> <p>18 internal medicine rotation. They said every evaluation was</p> <p>19 a failure. And it turned out every single one was a pass</p> <p>20 if you look at the evals by Amy Rodden, Gina LaRosa and</p> <p>21 Janet McGill. So how am I to believe anything that they</p> <p>22 put down when in all sincerity we have evidence that they</p> <p>23 were lying time and time again.</p> <p>24 And that's a very sincere comment reaching out</p> <p>25 to you. I -- I understand they're your clients, but</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 474</p> <p>1 giving a good performance while I was there as far as a</p> <p>2 doctor goes.</p> <p>3 And -- and to stay on top of it with it as far</p> <p>4 as performance there goes, this is one of the top hospitals</p> <p>5 in the country. This is the best of the best. So the</p> <p>6 question is was I giving good performance, yes, I was</p> <p>7 giving good performance there.</p> <p>8 I was giving the performance I gave at LSU or</p> <p>9 would have given at any other of the medical centers around</p> <p>10 the country, and I don't know why they took issue with my</p> <p>11 performance there.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Okay. Well, at LSU you were 81st out of 110</b></p> <p>13 <b>in your class. You would agree that you were below average</b></p> <p>14 <b>there, right?</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Object to form.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Well, the question you said was,</p> <p>17 you said 81st out of 110 based on test scores. If you were</p> <p>18 to ask the deans and the chairs at LSU, which I welcome you</p> <p>19 to call them, they would say I was one -- Number 1 out of</p> <p>20 110 for research and leadership and projects that I was</p> <p>21 doing there.</p> <p>22 So just like with law school or anything,</p> <p>23 class rank is not the end-all be-all. And not only that,</p> <p>24 to go to medical school it's the best of the best.</p> <p>25 Everybody is perfect. Everybody has a 4.0 in medical</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 473</p> <p>1 they're not telling you the truth sometimes, or others.</p> <p>2 <b>Q You -- you understand that my question called</b></p> <p>3 <b>for a yes or no answer?</b></p> <p>4 A Will you please continue, sir.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Would you please stop giving narratives.</b></p> <p>6 <b>You'll have your opportunity to say what you want to say in</b></p> <p>7 <b>response to questions asked by your counsel. Do you</b></p> <p>8 <b>understand?</b></p> <p>9 A Please continue, sir.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Tell me all the ways you believe that your</b></p> <p>11 <b>performance during the residency program was below average.</b></p> <p>12 A When you say my performance, are you -- just</p> <p>13 to make -- I want to make sure I understand and answer this</p> <p>14 accurately for you. So my performance, are you saying</p> <p>15 by -- by just general performance overall or related to</p> <p>16 specific work in the hospital? I want to make sure I</p> <p>17 understand.</p> <p>18 <b>Q I just want to know in terms of your</b></p> <p>19 <b>self-evaluation, what do think you did poorly on?</b></p> <p>20 MR. RUTTER: Objection, form of the question.</p> <p>21 It's vague, ambiguous.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I mean like as -- as most</p> <p>23 physicians, you know, we're -- we're on a learning curve.</p> <p>24 We're -- we're learning to train to be doctors in a</p> <p>25 specialty. I felt in my performance, I felt that I was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 475</p> <p>1 school to get in, your undergrad to get into medical</p> <p>2 school.</p> <p>3 So you can -- so, yes, my class rank was 81</p> <p>4 out of 110. It turns out that Wash U, I believe, their med</p> <p>5 school went to pass/fail because there -- there isn't a</p> <p>6 need for a class rank. I hope that answers the question</p> <p>7 on -- my class rank was 81 out of 110, yes.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Are you able to tell me anything that you</b></p> <p>10 <b>honestly believe was suboptimal performance relative to</b></p> <p>11 <b>your residency program?</b></p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Objection, form of the question.</p> <p>13 It's vague and ambiguous.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: I'm happy to think on it. But I</p> <p>15 don't believe that the performance I was giving was</p> <p>16 suboptimal.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 <b>Q Was there anything that you can think of as</b></p> <p>19 <b>you sit here today where you thought man, I didn't do that</b></p> <p>20 <b>well on that section or that procedure, anything like that</b></p> <p>21 <b>where you just thought, you know, you didn't do well?</b></p> <p>22 A Well, again, I'd have to think on it. On a</p> <p>23 day-to-day basis -- on a day-to-day basis we do just dozens</p> <p>24 of things, tons of little activities, putting in IV lines,</p> <p>25 putting in central lines, etc.</p>

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1 And maybe the best way to answer -- to answer  
2 your question, maybe I'll answer it for pediatrics, when we  
3 put IV's in pediatric patients, they're very tough  
4 sometimes, especially pediatric patients that need multiple  
5 sticks or have been there for multiple procedures.

6 There's times when there is -- I -- I can't  
7 remember the specific day without a case log, but we were  
8 trying to get an IV in a child and we -- I couldn't get it  
9 in, my attending couldn't get it in. They had another  
10 attending come in. And eventually I believe one of the  
11 attendings got it in.

12 So if the question is was I, you know, was I  
13 frustrated that I didn't get that IV right away, yes, of  
14 course. I don't want to stick somebody more than  
15 necessary. But, again, the whole thing is it's a learning  
16 curve, and the attending was struggling.

17 So it depends on -- so -- so as far as  
18 suboptimal performance, of course we want everything to be  
19 perfect. We love the patients. We want them to get  
20 perfect care. But I -- I wasn't giving suboptimal care in  
21 the sense of, you know, oh, you put an IV in and it doesn't  
22 go in the first time.

23 And that's why nurses, for example, get two  
24 sticks and you bring in another nurse. So that -- that's  
25 just the example of it's not -- I wouldn't classify it as

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1 suboptimal performance. It's you give your best for  
2 everything because you care about the patients. But if you  
3 don't get an IV the first or second time, you bring in an  
4 attending or another nurse or a doc and we make sure that  
5 it gets in.

6 So I -- I hope that explains how it is in  
7 medicine. But, you know, I was -- I was giving my all all  
8 the time. I care about patients and I want to do a good  
9 job.

10 **Q Yesterday you were telling Washington**  
11 **University's attorney that you had secretly made recordings**  
12 **of conversations with people. Do you recall that?**

13 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the  
14 question. It's argumentative.

15 THE WITNESS: I had made recordings under, you  
16 know -- you know, I had made recordings.

17 BY MR. NOLAN:

18 **Q Right. Let me -- let me withdraw that**  
19 **question.**

20 **Regarding your accessing Dr. Benzinger's**  
21 **emails, was that the only time you accessed his email**  
22 **account on that date when you took the pictures?**

23 A Yes, that was the only time I accessed it.

24 **Q Was there any other time where you accessed**  
25 **anyone else's email account?**

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1 A There was no other time that I saw anybody  
2 else's email account.

3 **Q So that one time was the only time you ever**  
4 **accessed someone else's email account during the -- your**  
5 **time in the residency program?**

6 A That was the only time that I -- that I did.

7 **Q Okay. Going back to these secret recordings**  
8 **that you made, when did you start doing that?**

9 A I mean, I wouldn't say they were secret  
10 recordings, but I -- I believe around the time, I believe  
11 around the time that Alex Evers first wanted to get the  
12 contracts and corporate documents from Strategic  
13 Biomedical.

14 (Reporter clarification.)

15 THE WITNESS: From Strategic Biomedical. I  
16 believe I started to get concerned that I might need to  
17 document some of this, and, you know, I made some  
18 recordings.

19 BY MR. NOLAN:

20 **Q Why were you concerned when Dr. Evers asked**  
21 **you for some corporate documents?**

22 A I was concerned about that because -- well, I  
23 was first very concerned because I was contacted by the  
24 general counsel, Ken Fleischmann at Saint Louis College of  
25 Pharmacy, and he told me not to give the recorded -- he

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1 told me not to give the corporate documents or contracts  
2 out because him and president John Pieper didn't want that  
3 to occur because they were in negotiations.

4 So I was concerned immediately when the Saint  
5 Louis College of Pharmacy and the leadership, the leader,  
6 the president, the general counsel said do not give this.

7 And also risking breach of fiduciary duty  
8 because I would have had to ask my investors if I can just  
9 give, you know, all corporate documents over. So I was  
10 very concerned that it seemed to be an inappropriate ask.

11 **Q Okay. Did Fleischmann tell you not to give**  
12 **the documents to Evers before Evers asked for them?**

13 A I don't recall the exact sequence of  
14 communications, but I -- I do know that he had told me not  
15 to give -- he did tell me not to give them out. And I  
16 believe there may be some emails of me discussing that with  
17 Ken Fleischmann.

18 **Q So why would you need to record that**  
19 **conversation with Evers? Why not just say sorry, no, I**  
20 **can't give you those documents?**

21 A I -- I was scared. I was terrified at this  
22 point. I was a lowly intern at Barnes-Jewish/Wash U.  
23 Interns normally have no interactions or limited  
24 interactions with Alex Evers. And up -- he was at the very  
25 top of the chain, chain of command, and he had full control

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 480</p> <p>1 over my life, my destiny, my ability to be a doctor.</p> <p>2 So I wanted to make sure that -- that if</p> <p>3 there -- if there was a problem or if my career was</p> <p>4 attacked, that I would have some evidence about this.</p> <p>5 <b>Q So Dr. Evers asked you for some corporate</b></p> <p>6 <b>documents and you were scared?</b></p> <p>7 A Yes, I was very scared that my supervisor said</p> <p>8 he wanted the lease agreements with the Saint Louis College</p> <p>9 of Pharmacy as well as corporate documents from a private</p> <p>10 corporation so that he can -- I was very nervous,</p> <p>11 especially when the general counsel of the Saint Louis</p> <p>12 College of Pharmacy said that he wanted them to gain an</p> <p>13 upper hand in the lease negotiations and other negotiations</p> <p>14 with them and to please not give them.</p> <p>15 It put me, a lowly intern, between the</p> <p>16 president and general counsel of the Saint Louis College of</p> <p>17 Pharmacy and the chair of anesthesia at Washington</p> <p>18 University Saint Louis. So I would think most people would</p> <p>19 be very nervous and scared with that situation.</p> <p>20 <b>Q So you decided to secretly record your</b></p> <p>21 <b>conversation with Dr. Evers?</b></p> <p>22 MR. MAREK: Objection, asked and answered at</p> <p>23 length yesterday in addition to today.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I -- I recorded my conversation</p> <p>25 with Alex Evers.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 482</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Yes, that -- that -- that scared</p> <p>2 me. Again, I had one of the most powerful people in the</p> <p>3 anesthesia world and at Wash U/Barnes asking me for</p> <p>4 corporate documents so he can secretly gain an advantage</p> <p>5 negotiation over the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy or do</p> <p>6 whatever he was planning to do, yes, I think that would</p> <p>7 really scare a lot of people and make them very nervous</p> <p>8 about what they're supposed to answer.</p> <p>9 Because, again, if the Saint Louis College of</p> <p>10 Pharmacy please, give him a copy of it, but I had the</p> <p>11 general counsel and president of -- of a, you know, of a</p> <p>12 college university telling me do not give these documents</p> <p>13 to him. That put me in the middle of a very tenuous</p> <p>14 situation as a lowly intern. It was -- and in all</p> <p>15 sincerity, I was terrified of this.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Did Dr. Evers tell you why he wanted the</b></p> <p>18 <b>documents?</b></p> <p>19 A I believe when I spoke to Dr. Evers -- and</p> <p>20 I -- I had met with him on this and there were some phone</p> <p>21 calls and some emails. I believe he said that he just</p> <p>22 needed -- so I believe at first he said he just wanted to</p> <p>23 see them. And I believe then he said that he might need to</p> <p>24 see them for a conflict check.</p> <p>25 He seemed to give a variety of reasons of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 481</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Because you were scared?</b></p> <p>3 A That was -- that was one of the reasons. I</p> <p>4 was scared of -- of him and his potential impact on my</p> <p>5 career.</p> <p>6 <b>Q Did Dr. Evers demand the documents or did he</b></p> <p>7 <b>ask for them?</b></p> <p>8 A Dr. Evers, in my -- in my opinion and my</p> <p>9 experience, Dr. Evers both demanded and asked for those</p> <p>10 documents. His ask -- his ask was a demand. He wanted</p> <p>11 those documents and he wanted that information.</p> <p>12 <b>Q His ask was a demand?</b></p> <p>13 A He demanded --</p> <p>14 MR. RUTTER: Hang on, Jeff. There's no</p> <p>15 question pending.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Did he say hey, could I have those documents,</b></p> <p>18 <b>or did he say you better give me those documents?</b></p> <p>19 A I believe he told me that he needed those</p> <p>20 documents. It wasn't -- this was not -- this was not</p> <p>21 somebody saying hey, please can I borrow this. This was I</p> <p>22 need to see these documents. To me that's a demand.</p> <p>23 <b>Q I need to see these documents, and that scared</b></p> <p>24 <b>you?</b></p> <p>25 MR. ELSTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 483</p> <p>1 wanting to see them, wanting a conflict check. My reaction</p> <p>2 was to try to politely refer him to David Sinow, the</p> <p>3 president of the company.</p> <p>4 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: David Sinow, S-I-N-O-W.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q Okay. So anywhere in there did he tell you</b></p> <p>8 <b>that he was trying to gain -- gain some secret advantage in</b></p> <p>9 <b>his negotiations with the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy?</b></p> <p>10 A I don't believe he framed it like that, but</p> <p>11 the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy told me --</p> <p>12 <b>Q That's what you told me a minute ago in your</b></p> <p>13 <b>answer, right?</b></p> <p>14 A Well, my -- my answer was that he wanted -- he</p> <p>15 wanted the documents.</p> <p>16 <b>Q But then you speculated as to his reasons and</b></p> <p>17 <b>said because he wanted to gain some secret advantage,</b></p> <p>18 <b>right?</b></p> <p>19 A Well, it was very clear from talking to him</p> <p>20 that what he really cared about was the lease agreement.</p> <p>21 When I spoke to him on this, what he really wanted was he</p> <p>22 wanted all the corporate documents, and he particularly</p> <p>23 wanted the lease agreement because he wanted it and it</p> <p>24 would give him an unfair advantage in the negotiations. It</p> <p>25 was very clear what he was doing.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 484</p> <p>1       <b>Q But he never told you that, and yet you're</b>  2       <b>saying that under oath like it's true, and you're just</b>  3       <b>lying about it, aren't you?</b>  4       MR. ELSTER: Objection, form, argumentative,  5       badgering the witness.  6       THE WITNESS: I am not lying. It, in fact, is  7       true. He wanted to get a copy of my lease agreement and  8       contract with the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy to gain  9       an advantage in those negotiations. That is fact. That is  10      why he was doing that.  11      BY MR. NOLAN:  12      <b>Q Did he tell you that? Did he tell you that, I</b>  13      <b>want to gain an advantage in my negotiations?</b>  14      A The way he asked the question, his body  15      language, the way he kept following up with it  16      persistently, it was very clear why he wanted those  17      documents. There is no question that was why he wanted  18      those documents.  19      <b>Q Can you get up and show us how his body moved</b>  20      <b>that would convey his purpose in asking for the lease</b>  21      <b>documents? Can you show us?</b>  22      MR. MAREK: Objection. That's harassing.  23      MR. ELSTER: Objection. That's not a  24      question. That's not even discoverable --  25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 486</p> <p>1       documents, well, he just asked the president and general  2       counsel of the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy for it.  3       There's no question that that was exactly what  4       he wanted. He wanted contracts to have a competitive  5       advantage, and he did so unethically and abusing his use  6       power to do so.  7       <b>Q How many of these secret recordings did you</b>  8       <b>make while you were in the program?</b>  9       MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.  10      Discussed at length yesterday. Cumulative.  11      THE WITNESS: You know, I don't recall the  12      exact number. I gave all the recordings that I had to --  13      you know, I gave all the recordings that I had over, you  14      know.  15      BY MR. NOLAN:  16      <b>Q This first recording that you made of</b>  17      <b>Dr. Evers, roughly how far into your term at the program</b>  18      <b>did that start?</b>  19      A Could you please let me know the date of it?  20      <b>Q What's that?</b>  21      A Could you please let me know the date of the  22      first recording. I don't have them in front of me.  23      <b>Q No, I don't have it. I'm just asking for you,</b>  24      <b>what's your best recollection of how far into the program</b>  25      <b>you were when you first started making these secret</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 485</p> <p>1       BY MR. NOLAN:  2       <b>Q I'd liked you to show us how he moved his</b>  3       <b>body --</b>  4       MR. RUTTER: No, he's not doing that,  5       absolutely not.  6       MR. NOLAN: -- such that you could understand  7       what he was thinking.  8       THE WITNESS: As I said before, from the  9       number of communications, the type of communications,  10      everything around that circumstance, eh was very clear he  11      wanted those corporate documents. He wanted the lease  12      agreement.  13      Everybody told me not to give him the lease  14      agreement because he was asking about it and he wanted it.  15      And I believe he was -- and actually, to even further  16      answer your question, and I'd need to go through the  17      documents because I want to be accurate, but I believe  18      there's emails where he's asking the Saint Louis College of  19      Pharmacy president, I believe there's emails where he's  20      asking their leadership for copies of those contracts, and  21      they direct him to go contact me about it.  22      So if he's emailing the president and general  23      counsel of the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy asking for  24      contracts and they say go talk to Jeff, and then he  25      immediately contacts me I need to go get all your corporate</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 487</p> <p>1       <b>recordings.</b>  2       A I believe I was probably in my second four  3       week block. I would have to check a date to be accurate,  4       but my recollection right now, without looking at anything,  5       is I was in my second four week block.  6       <b>Q So within a couple of weeks after starting the</b>  7       <b>program, you were already secretly recording conversations</b>  8       <b>with people?</b>  9       A I was recording conversations because they  10      were behaving in a manner that made me scared for my --  11      for -- I was scared because the type of harassment and  12      bullying and what was going on, and I felt the need to have  13      an independent record because these were powerful  14      individuals. They me in a bad situation. I felt the need  15      to protect myself.  16      <b>Q Did you feel like Dr. Evers was harassing and</b>  17      <b>bullying you when he said I need those documents?</b>  18      A Yes. I felt that he was using his power and  19      influence because he was my boss' boss' boss' boss. I  20      mean, you know, Groener, Benzinger, Cox, him, that he  21      wanted them. That -- that's like a CEO of a company asking  22      for something from a low level worker.  23      <b>Q And was that the first time you felt harassed</b>  24      <b>and bullied when Dr. Evers asked for those documents?</b>  25      A From him, that was probably, I'm thinking if</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 488</p> <p>1 there were any other interactions earlier, but I think that</p> <p>2 was the first time -- I think that was probably the first</p> <p>3 time from Dr. Evers Alex that I felt particularly scared</p> <p>4 and nervous around that time period.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Were you scared for your physical well-being?</b></p> <p>6 A Well, I was scared -- at that point I was</p> <p>7 nervous and scared for my career. I was worried that</p> <p>8 something like what happened now, what happened and we're</p> <p>9 dealing with today, that this was going to be the end</p> <p>10 result of him going after me and blacklisting me.</p> <p>11 Or let me rephrase. I was scared at that</p> <p>12 point in time that something like this was going to happen</p> <p>13 and that he would go after me for not giving him what he</p> <p>14 wanted and I would lose my career in medicine.</p> <p>15 <b>Q So within two weeks of starting the program,</b></p> <p>16 <b>you were already scared that the head of the program was</b></p> <p>17 <b>going to blacklist you and harass you and bully you?</b></p> <p>18 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>19 question, misstates the deponent's testimony, and also</p> <p>20 misstates facts of the record.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: All that I'm saying is that</p> <p>22 based on his interactions towards me, I was very scared and</p> <p>23 nervous about what he would do to me for not cooperating</p> <p>24 and giving him any documents he wanted or doing whatever he</p> <p>25 wanted. Again, Alex Evers is a very powerful individual.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 490</p> <p>1 time period in August, I was very concerned with his</p> <p>2 behavior towards me. And I was honestly scared that he</p> <p>3 would do something, and I needed to have proof of what was</p> <p>4 occurring in case it became an issue, which it clearly has.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q So you could file a lawsuit, right?</b></p> <p>7 A I had no intention of filing a lawsuit at that</p> <p>8 point. I was very concerned for -- you know, I was very</p> <p>9 concerned that he was powerful individual and that he may</p> <p>10 retaliate and harm me. As I said, I was scared and wanted</p> <p>11 to protect myself. And I want -- I wanted a record of what</p> <p>12 was being said so he couldn't say else and be believed over</p> <p>13 me.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Did you disclose to Dr. Evers that you were</b></p> <p>15 <b>recording that conversation?</b></p> <p>16 A I did not disclose to Dr. Evers that I was</p> <p>17 recording that conversation.</p> <p>18 <b>Q In any of the recordings that you've -- that</b></p> <p>19 <b>you have, did you ever disclose to the person that you were</b></p> <p>20 <b>conversing with that you were recording the conversation?</b></p> <p>21 A I don't believe I did.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you ever tell them off the recording?</b></p> <p>23 A I don't believe that I did.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Why was it is important to you to keep secret</b></p> <p>25 <b>the fact that you were recording those conversations?</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 489</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q But two weeks into the program you were</b></p> <p>3 <b>already scared that you were going to get harassed, bullied</b></p> <p>4 <b>and blacklisted?</b></p> <p>5 A All that I am saying is I was very -- what I</p> <p>6 am saying is the following, Alex Evers wanted corporate</p> <p>7 documents and contracts from me and I denied it. And I was</p> <p>8 in a position where I was told to deny him, and I did, in</p> <p>9 fact, deny him.</p> <p>10 And I was very scared that he was going to do</p> <p>11 something to retaliate against me. And I was worried that</p> <p>12 it could be anything from pushing me out of the program,</p> <p>13 not letting me work in anesthesia anymore, just giving me a</p> <p>14 really rough several years. I -- I was honestly and</p> <p>15 sincerely nervous about this.</p> <p>16 <b>Q So within two weeks of starting the program,</b></p> <p>17 <b>you already think that the program director is out to get</b></p> <p>18 <b>you and you start secretly recording your conversations</b></p> <p>19 <b>with him to capture evidence of his wrongdoing. Is that</b></p> <p>20 <b>fair?</b></p> <p>21 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>22 question. It's compound and it misstates prior testimony,</p> <p>23 and it's been asked and answered at least twice.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: As I said, as of -- in -- I</p> <p>25 believe that first recording was in August. Around that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 491</p> <p>1 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>2 question. It's argumentative and misstates the witness'</p> <p>3 testimony.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: It was -- it was important to me</p> <p>5 to make these conversations -- to record these</p> <p>6 conversations so there was evidence of what was occurring</p> <p>7 to me while I was at the program. And I, you know, I</p> <p>8 was -- you know, that's -- that's what it was. I wanted to</p> <p>9 have evidence of what was occurring to me when there was</p> <p>10 bullying or harassment.</p> <p>11 And, in fact, it turned out to be necessary</p> <p>12 because the bullying and harassment and improper activities</p> <p>13 to me and even to Gary Hammen did not stop. It just</p> <p>14 continued to pick up.</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q When did you stop making the recordings,</b></p> <p>17 <b>secret recordings of conversations with people at the</b></p> <p>18 <b>program?</b></p> <p>19 A I'm trying to remember the exact date. Once I</p> <p>20 left the program, after June of 2018, I didn't have much</p> <p>21 interaction with them, but I did have some interactions, I</p> <p>22 believe phone calls and meetings, with Douglas Thompson,</p> <p>23 the new program director, and the GME office. There may</p> <p>24 have been others. Again, I don't have the list of the</p> <p>25 recordings in front of me.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 492</p> <p>1 But so I would say into the fall of 2018 to,</p> <p>2 you know, I documented their interactions. And it turned</p> <p>3 out that it was very necessary, because I asked them to</p> <p>4 send my ACGME transcripts to other institutions. They said</p> <p>5 they would. And there's evidence of them hiding my -- my</p> <p>6 transcripts my, training file and not sending it.</p> <p>7 <b>Q I just asked for when.</b></p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 <b>Q Okay. Do you remember?</b></p> <p>10 A I believe I continued recording, as I said,</p> <p>11 until the fall of 2018.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Thank you.</b></p> <p>13 <b>Any of those telephone calls that you made did</b></p> <p>14 <b>you disclose during those conversations that you were</b></p> <p>15 <b>recording them?</b></p> <p>16 A I don't recall. I'd have to think on it, but</p> <p>17 I don't believe I did.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Where were you during those telephone</b></p> <p>19 <b>conversations?</b></p> <p>20 A It would depend on the date. Possibly</p> <p>21 Missouri or possibly Louisiana.</p> <p>22 <b>Q How about Illinois?</b></p> <p>23 A Again, I'd -- I'd have to see the recordings</p> <p>24 and the dates to -- to give a statement on that.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Okay. Who else did you record other than</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 494</p> <p>1 <b>Q Was that the iPhone that we talked about</b></p> <p>2 <b>earlier, the old one that you got rid of?</b></p> <p>3 A That is correct.</p> <p>4 <b>Q How did you preserve the audio files from the</b></p> <p>5 <b>recordings?</b></p> <p>6 A I -- I gave the -- I -- I have them on my</p> <p>7 device, and I gave my device over to my counsel, and</p> <p>8 that -- that's what I did.</p> <p>9 <b>Q When you got your old phone back, did it still</b></p> <p>10 <b>have those audio recordings on it?</b></p> <p>11 A I don't recall if we -- I -- I don't recall at</p> <p>12 this point.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Did you download the audio recordings to a</b></p> <p>14 <b>computer or upload them to an i-Cloud or something like</b></p> <p>15 <b>that?</b></p> <p>16 A I didn't download to a computer or put into an</p> <p>17 i-Cloud.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Did you do anything to preserve the original</b></p> <p>19 <b>audio files?</b></p> <p>20 A I believe we -- I believe me giving them over</p> <p>21 was preserving them.</p> <p>22 <b>Q I'm talking about the original ones.</b></p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, vague as to original.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: What -- what do you mean by the</p> <p>25 original files?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 493</p> <p>1 <b>Dr. Evers?</b></p> <p>2 A You know again it would be very helpful to</p> <p>3 have a list in front of me or to see the recordings, but</p> <p>4 I -- I believe I recorded, aside from Dr. Evers, I believe</p> <p>5 I recorded Thomas Cox. I believe I recorded Richard</p> <p>6 Benzinger. I believe I recorded Russell Groener.</p> <p>7 I believe I recorded -- I'm trying to think</p> <p>8 who else I recorded. I mean, I don't have a list in front</p> <p>9 of me and it depended on the interaction and the faculty</p> <p>10 that I was with. If there was a meeting or something that</p> <p>11 was being said to me that seem inappropriate, I wanted to</p> <p>12 have documentation in instances. And it varied from time</p> <p>13 to time.</p> <p>14 And the other thing was I couldn't</p> <p>15 necessarily -- you know, I'm not able to record every</p> <p>16 single thing going on. I'm still working. I'm, you know,</p> <p>17 holding things in my hands and unable to record things at</p> <p>18 different times. So, as I said, you asked who I recorded.</p> <p>19 You know, I recorded many people I interacted with. I -- I</p> <p>20 need to see the list, because, again, I haven't looked at</p> <p>21 these in a long time.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you record all of these conversations with</b></p> <p>23 <b>your iPhone?</b></p> <p>24 A I believe these were all recorded with the</p> <p>25 iPhone.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 495</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q The original audio files that were on your</b></p> <p>3 <b>iPhone.</b></p> <p>4 A Oh, I --</p> <p>5 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: I -- I mean, the honest answer</p> <p>7 is I don't have that iPhone any longer.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Did anyone tell you to delete them?</b></p> <p>10 A I don't believe anybody told me to delete</p> <p>11 them.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Other than giving your old iPhone to your</b></p> <p>13 <b>counsel, presumably so they could transfer the files, did</b></p> <p>14 <b>you do anything else with those audio recordings?</b></p> <p>15 A I don't believe I did.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Did you send them to anyone else?</b></p> <p>17 A I don't believe I sent them to anyone else.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Did you discuss them with anyone other than</b></p> <p>19 <b>your attorneys?</b></p> <p>20 A I don't believe I discussed them with anyone</p> <p>21 other than my attorneys.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Did you ever disclose to BJC or Wash U that</b></p> <p>23 <b>you had secret recordings of conversations with people at</b></p> <p>24 <b>the program?</b></p> <p>25 A I don't believe that I told BJC or Wash U that</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 496</p> <p>1 I had recorded some people with the program. I -- I'm</p> <p>2 thinking right now I don't remember telling anybody.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Yesterday you told Washington University's</b></p> <p>4 <b>attorney that you scored poorly on a test at the program</b></p> <p>5 <b>because you were busy running around recording</b></p> <p>6 <b>conversations. Do you remember that testimony?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Objection, mischaracterizes his</p> <p>8 testimony.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I don't believe I stated --</p> <p>10 stated something like that. I believe yesterday I told</p> <p>11 Wash U's counsel, Mr. Sullivan, that instead of having the</p> <p>12 time to be able to study, go home and study like regular</p> <p>13 residents, I had to go and talk with people at the end of</p> <p>14 the day to check on my performance, to check that they were</p> <p>15 happy with me, and I had to spend a lot of extra time</p> <p>16 because of that.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 <b>Q So you agree that because you were out making</b></p> <p>19 <b>secret recordings, trying to gather evidence, that you</b></p> <p>20 <b>neglected your studies in the program, yes?</b></p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Objection, form, argumentative</p> <p>22 and mischaracterizes his testimony.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I don't agree in the way that</p> <p>24 you stated. What I -- what I stated was very -- very much</p> <p>25 so the fact that I had to go talk to people on a regular</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 498</p> <p>1 working, and having to -- so -- so, yes, the -- the general</p> <p>2 harassment that was ongoing there.</p> <p>3 <b>Q The negative performance evaluations?</b></p> <p>4 A Well, the negative performance evaluations was</p> <p>5 one aspect of it. I had to document -- I had to go talk</p> <p>6 with people and confirm on a daily basis am I doing what</p> <p>7 you want, is everything going well and really follow that</p> <p>8 closely.</p> <p>9 And I believe in much of the documents there's</p> <p>10 even comments by Dr. Benzinger that I'm very much so</p> <p>11 talking to people on a daily basis, checking on my</p> <p>12 performance regularly.</p> <p>13 And I did what I think any reasonable</p> <p>14 individual would do whether they're a doctor or a lawyer.</p> <p>15 When somebody says we're worried about your performance and</p> <p>16 it seems not to be done fairly, whether you're a doc or a</p> <p>17 law firm, you will talk to your supervisors on a daily</p> <p>18 basis or regularly and confirm things are going well.</p> <p>19 But that takes a lot of time. A lot of times</p> <p>20 the doctors there, for example, wouldn't be -- my operating</p> <p>21 room might finish, for example, at 5:00, but there may be</p> <p>22 another operating room going or something in post-op going</p> <p>23 until 6 or 7.</p> <p>24 So I may have to hang out there and help out a</p> <p>25 little bit but wait until the doctor I'm working with is</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 497</p> <p>1 basis to make sure they were happy with me, put in lots of</p> <p>2 extra time to document and make sure things were -- were</p> <p>3 done properly in a way that protected me.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q And you admit that you studied less than the</b></p> <p>6 <b>other students or the other residents because of that, yes?</b></p> <p>7 MR. ELSTER: Objection, speculation, form.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I don't know what the other</p> <p>9 residents were studying or what their time commitment was.</p> <p>10 I do know that I had to spend substantial amounts of time</p> <p>11 documenting the bullying and harassment that was ongoing to</p> <p>12 me.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Okay. And because of that, you weren't able</b></p> <p>15 <b>to study as much as you otherwise would, yes?</b></p> <p>16 A Because of the bullying and harassment I was</p> <p>17 not able to study as much as I otherwise would have been</p> <p>18 able to. The bullying and harassment was a huge</p> <p>19 distraction to my studying, as would any -- any reasonable</p> <p>20 student's.</p> <p>21 <b>Q And when you say bullying and harassing,</b></p> <p>22 <b>you're talking about the negative performance evaluations</b></p> <p>23 <b>you got, yes?</b></p> <p>24 A So the activities that included -- that were</p> <p>25 included in that, giving me a hard time while I was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 499</p> <p>1 done for the day, because I can't interrupt them while in</p> <p>2 the middle of a procedure with a patient.</p> <p>3 So I'd have to wait until the very end of the</p> <p>4 day and go, you know, Dr. So and So, how did the day go,</p> <p>5 you know, please tell me any suggestions for improvement.</p> <p>6 And I would have to do that on a regular basis. And</p> <p>7 that -- that was exhausting.</p> <p>8 The best example of that, and to -- to truly</p> <p>9 answer, you know timing on things --</p> <p>10 <b>Q Do you remember my question?</b></p> <p>11 A Yes. You wanted to know how much time I was</p> <p>12 spending on dealing with the bullying and harassment. And</p> <p>13 I'm giving examples of how much time I'm spending on the</p> <p>14 bullying and harassment.</p> <p>15 And that's why I was just saying, I was in the</p> <p>16 surgical ICU towards the end of my time there and I got a</p> <p>17 phone call from an attending, Richard Chen, who said that</p> <p>18 one of the Wash U anesthesia attendings for that week</p> <p>19 happened to be in the surgical ICU --</p> <p>20 <b>Q This is not responsive to my question.</b></p> <p>21 A It is very responsive, because I'm going to</p> <p>22 give the biggest example of how exhausting this was. He</p> <p>23 told me there was a Wash U anesthesia attending in the</p> <p>24 surgical ICU talking --</p> <p>25 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, can you slow</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 500</p> <p>1 down for me.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: He said --</p> <p>3 THE COURT REPORTER: Just wait one second,</p> <p>4 please.</p> <p>5 (Thereupon, the previous answer was read back</p> <p>6 by the Court Reporter as recorded above.)</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Richard Chen -- and I'll keep</p> <p>8 this brief. Richard Chen, one of the surgery attendings,</p> <p>9 called me after I finished a 12 to 14 hour shift in the</p> <p>10 surgery ICU. He told me that one of the anesthesia</p> <p>11 attendings that's normally in the cardiothoracic ICU, which</p> <p>12 is the anesthesia run --</p> <p>13 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Anesthesia run, was in the</p> <p>15 surgical ICU that -- that day. And he was talking to</p> <p>16 faculty members saying that they were trying to get rid of</p> <p>17 me and they should be very careful evaluating me and to try</p> <p>18 to push me out and things like that.</p> <p>19 I got this call from Richard Chen after I had</p> <p>20 already gone home after 12 to 14 hour shift. And Richard</p> <p>21 Chen, the attending in surgery said, you need to go back to</p> <p>22 the hospital and immediately go talk to Dan Emmert and stop</p> <p>23 this from becoming a problem for you in this rotation.</p> <p>24 So I went back to the hospital, and I was</p> <p>25 there, instead of leaving at 7 or 8:00, I had to go back</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 502</p> <p>1 <b>Q Because you did score in the bottom five</b></p> <p>2 <b>percent of your residency class, yes?</b></p> <p>3 A I don't have the document in front of me. I</p> <p>4 know that the assertion was made yesterday that I was in</p> <p>5 the bottom five percent, yes. And -- and that test was to</p> <p>6 show knowledge base so you could do well to take and pass</p> <p>7 the boards.</p> <p>8 It's just like some law schools, they have</p> <p>9 baby bar exams where you see how you're doing and then you</p> <p>10 study and do well. Myself and Gary Hammen passed the basic</p> <p>11 anesthesia boards. Every year Wash U normally has one or</p> <p>12 two residents fail. I passed them.</p> <p>13 <b>Q So 95 percent of the other residents did</b></p> <p>14 <b>better than you on that test, yes?</b></p> <p>15 A That wouldn't be a statistically sound way to</p> <p>16 phrase it necessarily, but -- because I believe that AKT-6</p> <p>17 test score --</p> <p>18 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: AKT-6 test score, I believe that</p> <p>20 test -- I don't remember if that was a test that was taken</p> <p>21 nationally or at Washington University Saint Louis alone.</p> <p>22 And I don't know if all -- and I don't know if all</p> <p>23 residency programs took that test. So whoever took that</p> <p>24 test among that cohort, I was in the fifth percentile.</p> <p>25 But, again, this was a practice test to show</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 501</p> <p>1 there, wait for Dan Emmert to finish, and I talked to him</p> <p>2 around 11, 12:00.</p> <p>3 So instead of going home at a reasonable hour,</p> <p>4 eating dinner, doing studying, I was sitting there until</p> <p>5 midnight trying to track him down to try to stop this. And</p> <p>6 then I went home. I got much less sleep than I would have,</p> <p>7 and I had to go repeat.</p> <p>8 So to answer your question, the bullying and</p> <p>9 harassment, how did it effect my studying, yes, it severely</p> <p>10 effected my studying. And I would prefer that it didn't</p> <p>11 occur and I didn't have to do these things.</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q And it was because you weren't able to study</b></p> <p>14 <b>as much that you performed so poorly on that test, yes?</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p> <p>16 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation. Sorry.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Because I wasn't able to study</p> <p>19 as much, that was one of the reasons I did poorly on that,</p> <p>20 the AKT-6, that practice test, which was a practice test</p> <p>21 for the boards, which I did pass my boards.</p> <p>22 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23 <b>Q Any other reason why you did so poorly on that</b></p> <p>24 <b>test?</b></p> <p>25 A Those were the primary reasons.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 503</p> <p>1 you where you stood to study for the boards. So I studied</p> <p>2 and passed the boards. That's, you know, all I can say on</p> <p>3 that.</p> <p>4 MR. NOLAN: Let's take a -- no, now is a good</p> <p>5 time. Let's take a short break.</p> <p>6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at</p> <p>7 approximately 12:42 p.m.</p> <p>8 (Thereupon, a recess was taken, after which</p> <p>9 the following proceedings were had:)</p> <p>10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on record at</p> <p>11 approximately 12:56 p.m.</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q Did Nicole Erter ever harass, bully or</b></p> <p>14 <b>intimidate you?</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Objection, compound.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: So Nicole Erter was the HR rep.</p> <p>17 I met with her. I don't -- I told her -- I told her --</p> <p>18 so -- so let me answer your question. So I do not believe</p> <p>19 Nicole Erter did anything to harass, bully or intimidate</p> <p>20 me.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Thank you. Did you record your conversation</b></p> <p>23 <b>with Nicole Erter?</b></p> <p>24 A I don't recall if I did. My apologies, I</p> <p>25 don't know what the full list of what I recorded was.</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 504</p> <p>1       <b>Q</b> Roughly when did you meet with Nicole Erter?</p> <p>2       A I met with Nicole Erter, I believe it was the</p> <p>3 winter -- I believe I emailed Nicole Erter that I wanted --</p> <p>4 that I wanted to meet with her, I believe that was either</p> <p>5 December of 2017 or January of 2018 or around that time</p> <p>6 period.</p> <p>7       (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B4 was marked</p> <p>8 for identification.)</p> <p>9 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>10       <b>Q</b> Okay. Hand you what's been marked as</p> <p>11 <b>Exhibit B4. Do you recognize that as a brief filed on your</b></p> <p>12 <b>behalf in response to the Defendant's motion to dismiss?</b></p> <p>13       A Yes. This appears to be the document filed</p> <p>14 November 25th, 2019. I have not looked at this document in</p> <p>15 a long -- in years probably. Do you want me to read and</p> <p>16 refresh or --</p> <p>17       <b>Q</b> No, not at this point. But did you -- you</p> <p>18 <b>read this document before, you're familiar with it?</b></p> <p>19       A I believe I read the document many years ago.</p> <p>20       <b>Q</b> Okay. And you understand that as an attorney</p> <p>21 <b>that when attorneys sign a brief like this, they're</b></p> <p>22 <b>representing to the court that it's true and accurate?</b></p> <p>23       MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>24 conclusion.</p> <p>25       THE WITNESS: You know, I'm sitting here as a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 506</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2       <b>Q</b> I'm just asking you. Would you ever make,</p> <p>3 <b>knowingly make false representations to the court?</b></p> <p>4       A I would not knowingly make false</p> <p>5 representations. Can you please provide a little bit of</p> <p>6 context or I'd like to read through the motion to make sure</p> <p>7 I see what's going on.</p> <p>8       <b>Q</b> Sure. Would you turn to Page 17 of</p> <p>9 <b>Exhibit B4. And could I direct your attention to the very</b></p> <p>10 <b>last sentence on that page.</b></p> <p>11       A Seventeen?</p> <p>12       <b>Q</b> Page 17.</p> <p>13       A For example, Dr. Weisman alleges that</p> <p>14 Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger are employed by Wash U but not</p> <p>15 BJH?</p> <p>16       <b>Q</b> Yes. Is that a true statement?</p> <p>17       MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>18 question. It's asking Dr. Weisman to testify as to the</p> <p>19 veracity of statements of his previous counsel, Edward</p> <p>20 More.</p> <p>21       MR. ELSTER: Also object that this motion is</p> <p>22 based on an abandoned pleading.</p> <p>23       THE WITNESS: You know, I can't comment on the</p> <p>24 pleading aside from this is the text that's written</p> <p>25 there --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 505</p> <p>1 plaintiff, not an attorney on this. Ed More submitted this</p> <p>2 and did -- you know, Ed More submitted this document and</p> <p>3 generated this document.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5       <b>Q</b> Right. But you understand you're not supposed</p> <p>6 <b>to misrepresent facts to the court, yes?</b></p> <p>7       MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the --</p> <p>8 form of the question. It's vague. It's ambiguous.</p> <p>9       THE WITNESS: Yeah, could you -- can you</p> <p>10 please specify what -- what the question is.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12       <b>Q</b> The question is you're aware that when an</p> <p>13 <b>attorney files something with the court, they're not</b></p> <p>14 <b>supposed to make misrepresentations to the court.</b></p> <p>15       MR. RUTTER: Same objection.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17       <b>Q</b> Pretty simple.</p> <p>18       A As -- as you stated, you know, in general,</p> <p>19 attorneys should be honest to the court such as saying a</p> <p>20 transcript exists or doesn't exist.</p> <p>21       <b>Q</b> And you would never make false representations</p> <p>22 <b>to the court, would you?</b></p> <p>23       MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>24       THE WITNESS: Could you please let me know</p> <p>25 what you're specifically talking about.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 507</p> <p>1       (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>2       THE WITNESS: I can't comment on the pleading</p> <p>3 aside from this is the text that -- that was written there</p> <p>4 by my counsel.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6       <b>Q</b> And it cites to the amended complaint,</p> <p>7 <b>Paragraphs 14 and 15. Those allegations relate to</b></p> <p>8 <b>Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger's employment, yes?</b></p> <p>9       MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>10       THE WITNESS: Again, I can only state what --</p> <p>11 you know, I haven't looked at this document in years. I'm</p> <p>12 more than happy to read the entire thing to get context,</p> <p>13 but the sentence is, for example, Dr. Weisman alleges that</p> <p>14 Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger are employed by Wash U but not</p> <p>15 BJH.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17       <b>Q</b> Is it true?</p> <p>18       MR. ELSTER: Objection, vague as to is the</p> <p>19 allegation true or is the citation true. What is the</p> <p>20 question?</p> <p>21       THE WITNESS: What -- could somebody pull up</p> <p>22 for me the citation, AC1415.</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24       <b>Q</b> Sir, you read through this. You're familiar</p> <p>25 <b>with the complaint. Isn't it true that Dr. Evers and</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 508</p> <p>1 <b>Dr. Benzinger work for Wash U, not BJH?</b></p> <p>2 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>3 question. It's vague and ambiguous, and it's also asking</p> <p>4 the witness to comment on the veracity of something that</p> <p>5 was submitted, not written by him, and it's referencing an</p> <p>6 abandoned complaint.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And, you know, all -- all</p> <p>8 that I can comment is what's written here is what's</p> <p>9 written, and there's investigations ongoing into -- into,</p> <p>10 you know, discovery of the situation. So will you please</p> <p>11 let me know what you're getting at.</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q Have you seen the employment agreements, if</b></p> <p>14 <b>they exist, for Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger?</b></p> <p>15 A I don't believe that the chair of anesthesia</p> <p>16 or the program director ever gave me their employment</p> <p>17 agreements or their corporate documents. They did not.</p> <p>18 Just asked for mine. So I did not see them.</p> <p>19 <b>Q So you have no personal knowledge as to any</b></p> <p>20 <b>employment agreement between either of those doctors and</b></p> <p>21 <b>Wash U or BJH, fair?</b></p> <p>22 MR. ELSTER: Objection, vague as to personal</p> <p>23 knowledge.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Well, if you're asking do I know</p> <p>25 the specifics of Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger's employment</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 510</p> <p>1 was in charge of all anesthesia there. And I believe it's</p> <p>2 now Dr. Avidan.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Right. And so back when you were with the</b></p> <p>4 <b>program, Dr. Evers was in charge of that program, yes?</b></p> <p>5 A When you say in charge, do you mean he was the</p> <p>6 chair of anesthesia?</p> <p>7 <b>Q Controlled things. In other words, people</b></p> <p>8 <b>reported up to him. He was, I think you said, top of the</b></p> <p>9 <b>food chain?</b></p> <p>10 A Yes, from my perspective and from what I saw</p> <p>11 there, he was the chair of the department of anesthesia,</p> <p>12 and that was what I saw when I was there. That was my --</p> <p>13 that was my understanding at that time.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Do you have the redwell of exhibits from</b></p> <p>15 <b>yesterday?</b></p> <p>16 A Which exhibit are you referring to?</p> <p>17 <b>Q The redwell with exhibits from yesterday.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Okay. You took them out, all right. Well, I</b></p> <p>19 <b>was going to refer to, I think it was Exhibit A from</b></p> <p>20 <b>yesterday, the second amended complaint.</b></p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Just A?</p> <p>22 MR. NOLAN: Yeah.</p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Okay.</p> <p>24 (Thereupon, a discussion was held off the</p> <p>25 record, after which the following proceedings were had:)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 509</p> <p>1 agreement and if I've seen their employment agreements,</p> <p>2 then the answer is I have not seen those agreements.</p> <p>3 But I have talked to other faculty members and</p> <p>4 residents and been told how employment in general works,</p> <p>5 that you come in as a resident, you work for Barnes, then</p> <p>6 you go and work for Washington University Saint Louis as a</p> <p>7 fellow, and that attendings -- attendings work for</p> <p>8 Washington University Saint Louis, hence they're professors</p> <p>9 at Washington University Saint Louis.</p> <p>10 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>11 <b>Q All right. My question was you don't have any</b></p> <p>12 <b>personal knowledge as to any employment agreement between</b></p> <p>13 <b>those doctors and any entity, fair?</b></p> <p>14 A I have not seen their individual employment</p> <p>15 agreements.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Okay. You have no idea who pays them?</b></p> <p>17 A As I said, I've not seen their individual</p> <p>18 employment agreements.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Okay. You would agree that Dr. Evers is in</b></p> <p>20 <b>charge of that program, right, or at least he was back when</b></p> <p>21 <b>you were there?</b></p> <p>22 A Dr. Evers was the chair of the anesthesia</p> <p>23 department when I was at Washington University Saint</p> <p>24 Louis/Barnes, the consortium, as it was a, you know, it's a</p> <p>25 consortium of multiple hospitals and centers. Dr. Evers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 511</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q All right. Do you have A in front of you?</b></p> <p>3 A Okay. I have this up right now. And this is</p> <p>4 the second amended complaint by -- from October 30th of</p> <p>5 2020.</p> <p>6 <b>Q Right. Okay. Let's look at Paragraph 1,</b></p> <p>7 <b>nature of the case. You state, this is not a case based on</b></p> <p>8 <b>discrimination or harassment in employment or school, based</b></p> <p>9 <b>on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry,</b></p> <p>10 <b>age or disability.</b></p> <p>11 <b>Did I read that first sentence together</b></p> <p>12 <b>correctly?</b></p> <p>13 A That is the sentence that is there.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Okay. I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>15 A Well, it's a compound sentence. This is not a</p> <p>16 case brought based on discrimination, harassment,</p> <p>17 employment or school, based on race, color, religion,</p> <p>18 national origin, sex, ancestry, age or disability.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Right.</b></p> <p>20 A That's what the sentence says.</p> <p>21 <b>Q So you would agree with me that you're not</b></p> <p>22 <b>basing your claims in this lawsuit on any statutory</b></p> <p>23 <b>protection that you may have under the laws of Missouri,</b></p> <p>24 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>25 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 512</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: I would have to let my counsel</p> <p>2 answer that. My, you know, I'm -- I reported inappropriate</p> <p>3 activities.</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Well, this is your second amended complaint.</b></p> <p>6 <b>You don't have a claim in here based on any of the</b></p> <p>7 <b>Missouri -- laws under the Missouri Human Rights Act,</b></p> <p>8 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>9 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: You know, again, my counsel put</p> <p>11 together this complaint. Can I please be informed on what</p> <p>12 you're looking for?</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q I'm just asking, it's true, you're not</b></p> <p>15 <b>asserting a claim for violation of Missouri Human Rights</b></p> <p>16 <b>Act?</b></p> <p>17 A Well, you're -- you're asking me to make a</p> <p>18 legal conclusion, so let me go and say what this complaint</p> <p>19 states.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Are you going to read the whole thing?</b></p> <p>21 A No, sir. I just wanted to go to the counts in</p> <p>22 the complaint. I mean, that's -- well, I think it's</p> <p>23 somewhere in here. I skipped by it. But there's multiple</p> <p>24 counts in the complaint, and that -- and it is -- it states</p> <p>25 what it does.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 514</p> <p>1 conspiracy.</p> <p>2 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>3 <b>Q Okay. So you'd agree no Missouri Human Rights</b></p> <p>4 <b>claim, right?</b></p> <p>5 A Are -- are you asking to make legal</p> <p>6 conclusion?</p> <p>7 <b>Q Did you just read off anything that said</b></p> <p>8 <b>anything about the Missouri Human Rights Act?</b></p> <p>9 A I -- I -- I read off what the counts are. You</p> <p>10 know, I'm here as a plaintiff, not as my own attorney. I</p> <p>11 am not an expert in Missouri Human Rights Act. And I'm</p> <p>12 reading off the counts that are there. I'm not an expert</p> <p>13 in Missouri law and Human Rights Act on that.</p> <p>14 <b>Q All right. Now, you would agree that you</b></p> <p>15 <b>don't fall -- well, strike that.</b></p> <p>16 <b>But the contract that you claim that you</b></p> <p>17 <b>entered with BJH, that was between you and BJH, yes?</b></p> <p>18 MR. ELSTER: Vague as to which contract.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Which contract are we referring</p> <p>20 to?</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q The one dealing with the memorandum of</b></p> <p>23 <b>appointment.</b></p> <p>24 A My understanding of the memorandum of</p> <p>25 appointment -- and can we -- we can pull up a copy of it.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 513</p> <p>1 <b>Q Well, thank you so much for that. We all know</b></p> <p>2 <b>that.</b></p> <p>3 MR. RUTTER: Is there a question?</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Yeah. And you'll agree that you're not making</b></p> <p>6 <b>a claim based on how any educational service was provided</b></p> <p>7 <b>to you, correct?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Objection, form.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Can you please restate the</p> <p>10 question?</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q Are you making a claim in this lawsuit based</b></p> <p>13 <b>on the education you received?</b></p> <p>14 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I'm making a complaint about</p> <p>16 breach of contract and my lab contract.</p> <p>17 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18 <b>Q Okay. And we'll get into the contract.</b></p> <p>19 A And damages and unfair enrichment, and, you</p> <p>20 know, breach of contract, tortious interference of contract</p> <p>21 with legal expectancy.</p> <p>22 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Fraudulent inducement,</p> <p>24 defamation, tortious conversion of the lab and intellectual</p> <p>25 property, quantum meruit, unjust enrichment, civil</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 515</p> <p>1 That memorandum of appointment was with the consortium.</p> <p>2 There's a consortium. There's a website that has all the</p> <p>3 consortium documents on it. I believe we've produced those</p> <p>4 and it would help to show them.</p> <p>5 But there's a contract -- but I guess the</p> <p>6 consortium itself, my understanding, and, again, I -- just</p> <p>7 what I've seen is that there's a consortium between</p> <p>8 Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University Saint Louis</p> <p>9 and Saint Louis Children's Hospital, and they are the</p> <p>10 training consortium. And if you go there for residency,</p> <p>11 you are an employee and working for the consortium.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Okay. You're talking about Exhibit A to your</b></p> <p>13 <b>complaint?</b></p> <p>14 A I believe that would be one of the</p> <p>15 consortium -- one of the contracts.</p> <p>16 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B5 was marked</p> <p>17 for identification.)</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 <b>Q Handing you what's been marked B5. Do you</b></p> <p>20 <b>recognize that document?</b></p> <p>21 A This appears to be -- this appears to be a</p> <p>22 memorandum of appointment dated April 29th, 2016. It seems</p> <p>23 to be the memorandum of appointment, it states it is, for</p> <p>24 house officers appointed to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for the</p> <p>25 2016 to 2017 academic year.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 516</p> <p>1       <b>Q All right. So at that point were -- were you</b>  2       <b>already a house officer when you received this?</b>  3       A I was a medical student in 2016, graduating in  4       May. And I believe I -- I don't recall exactly how the  5       contract was sent to us to sign, but the National Residency  6       Matching Program, you go through the match and they have an  7       agreement that you agree that you will enter into contracts  8       after the match occurs. All medical students sign it and  9       all medical centers sign it.  10       And then once you match, you're under an  11       obligation to then sign a contract and then become  12       appointed. I don't remember the specifics of the date  13       right now. I'd have to think on it. I don't remember the  14       specifics of the exact date it was signed, but that --  15       that's roughly how the process works.  16       <b>Q Okay. Let's break this down. So you filled</b>  17       <b>out an NRMP application?</b>  18       A Yes, I registered for ERAS, E-R-A-S, the  19       Electronic Residency Application System. And I also  20       registered for the NRMP, the National Residency Matching  21       Program. I registered with both of those. I submitted my  22       applications in September of --  23       <b>Q I just asked you if you --</b>  24       A Yeah.  25       <b>Q Okay. So you filled out that application to</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 518</p> <p>1 recall if --  2       <b>Q We've got some documents, but I don't know if</b>  3       <b>it's what you're calling the NRMP agreement.</b>  4       A Okay. Well, I know that there's a National  5       Residency Matching Program agreement.  6       <b>Q Have you produced it?</b>  7       A I produced all documents that I had to my -- I  8       produced all documents that I had to my counsel.  9       <b>Q Did you give that one to your counsel?</b>  10       A I -- from memory right now I wouldn't be able  11       to tell you. I would have to think about it or go through  12       the 60,000 pages of documents.  13       <b>Q Let's look at, what is that, Exhibit B5?</b>  14       A B5.  15       <b>Q Okay. So at the point at which you would have</b>  16       <b>received B5, the memorandum of appointment, you had already</b>  17       <b>entered into a contract through the NRMP program, right?</b>  18       MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation, legal  19       conclusion as to the existence of a contract.  20       THE WITNESS: I would have to see the  21       contract. I would have to see the NRMP that we signed to  22       be able to comment on it.  23       BY MR. NOLAN:  24       <b>Q Okay. Well, in other words, this is your</b>  25       <b>claim. It's your -- you've got a claim for a contract. Is</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 517</p> <p>1       <b>be part of the matching program, right?</b>  2       A That is correct.  3       <b>Q And you understood that that meant that if you</b>  4       <b>were selected for a match, that you were bound to commit to</b>  5       <b>that program, right?</b>  6       A That -- that is what the NRMP contract is.  7       <b>Q Okay. So that's -- it was a binding</b>  8       <b>commitment, right?</b>  9       MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent that's a  10       legal conclusion on a contract.  11       THE WITNESS: Yeah. You know, again, I'm  12       not -- you know, I signed the NRMP agreement.  13       BY MR. NOLAN:  14       <b>Q Okay. Well, at that point did the N -- did</b>  15       <b>that NRMP agreement detail what the terms of any contract</b>  16       <b>that you might enter with the residency program would</b>  17       <b>entail?</b>  18       A I haven't looked at the NRMP agreement in a  19       long time. I believe I looked at it -- I might have looked  20       at it briefly when I signed up.  21       <b>Q Did you produce a copy of it in the lawsuit?</b>  22       A I don't recall if one of the 60,000 pages was  23       the NRMP agreement. Do we -- do we have that here?  24       <b>Q What's that?</b>  25       A Do we have a copy of that here? I don't</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 519</p> <p>1       <b>it based on this NRMP agreement?</b>  2       MR. ELSTER: Same objections.  3       THE WITNESS: Well, again, I'd -- I'd have to  4       see the NRMP contract to answer questions on it. I believe  5       I signed an NRMP match agreement and then I signed the  6       Barnes-Jewish Hospital consortium of Wash U, Barnes and  7       Saint Louis Children's memorandum of appointment to health  8       staff.  9       BY MR. NOLAN:  10       <b>Q Okay. So it was your understanding that once</b>  11       <b>you were selected, once you received the match for the</b>  12       <b>BJH/Wash U residency, anesthesia residency program, you</b>  13       <b>were bound to it, you -- you had to enter that program</b>  14       <b>contractually?</b>  15       MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.  16       THE WITNESS: Yeah. Again, I -- I can't  17       comment on the legal nature of the contract, but my  18       understanding was you signed up for the match, and once  19       you're assigned to a program, you then enter into a  20       contract with them, which I believe I did with the  21       Barnes/Wash U/Saint Louis Children's Hospital consortium.  22       BY MR. NOLAN:  23       <b>Q Well, when you became contractually obligated</b>  24       <b>to enter into the residency program, what was the term,</b>  25       <b>what was the duration of that agreement? How long did you</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 520</p> <p>1 <b>have to be a part of that program?</b></p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I'm a little confused what</p> <p>4 you're asking with that.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q Was it -- were you obligated for five years or</b></p> <p>7 <b>six years or as long as the program took?</b></p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Well, my -- you know, legally,</p> <p>10 again, I can't state the terms of the contract. My</p> <p>11 understanding with match was you were assigned to the</p> <p>12 residency program to complete it.</p> <p>13 If you matched into internal medicine, you</p> <p>14 would do three years of internal medicine. If you matched</p> <p>15 into plastic surgery, you would do six years of training.</p> <p>16 If you matched into dermatology, you'd do four years of</p> <p>17 training.</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 <b>Q How about if you matched into anesthesiology?</b></p> <p>20 A Well, in general if you matched into</p> <p>21 anesthesiology, you would do four years of training.</p> <p>22 <b>Q How about your program?</b></p> <p>23 A I believe my participation my program, my</p> <p>24 program was a combined residency fellowship program. I</p> <p>25 believe, and I -- I don't have the full document in front</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 522</p> <p>1 they did things was dependent on different circumstances,</p> <p>2 but you were a member of the consortium.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q Well, you would agree whatever it was, it was</b></p> <p>5 <b>going to take longer than a year, right?</b></p> <p>6 A Well, in general, all residency training takes</p> <p>7 longer than one year. That is in general how it works.</p> <p>8 <b>Q Okay. Did you get a signed writing to any</b></p> <p>9 <b>contract from BJH relative to the residency program?</b></p> <p>10 A I believe I did receive a contract or</p> <p>11 memorandum of appointment at one point. I don't recall if</p> <p>12 it was something that was emailed or given to us in person</p> <p>13 once we were there.</p> <p>14 <b>Q I said a signed contract from BJH.</b></p> <p>15 A I haven't looked at the contracts and don't</p> <p>16 recall the exact process. I -- I could go through the</p> <p>17 emails from that time period. I believe Sharon Stark was</p> <p>18 sending us information.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Well, the memorandum agreement which you</b></p> <p>20 <b>attached to your second amended complaint, that doesn't</b></p> <p>21 <b>have a signature from anyone at BJH, does it?</b></p> <p>22 A I'm reading it right now. Give me one second.</p> <p>23 I believe this says your -- the very last page</p> <p>24 says, your signature on the house staff memorandum of</p> <p>25 appointment: Acceptance letter mailed to you indicates</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 521</p> <p>1 of me, but I believe you did a portion of time as a Barnes</p> <p>2 resident and then did another portion of time as a</p> <p>3 Washington University Saint Louis fellow.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Okay. And how long would that take?</b></p> <p>5 A I believe -- I would need to see the ASAP</p> <p>6 program. I believe the residency training -- the component</p> <p>7 of time when you were viewed to be a resident, I believe</p> <p>8 that was roughly -- I'm sorry, it would be very helpful to</p> <p>9 see the ASAP outline.</p> <p>10 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Sorry. It would be very helpful</p> <p>12 to see the ASAP outline. But basically -- but I believe it</p> <p>13 was something in the two to two and-a-half year period that</p> <p>14 you would be a Barnes-Jewish Hospital resident.</p> <p>15 And I believe -- and I -- I was talking to one</p> <p>16 of the senior MD Ph.D.'s that had gone through the program,</p> <p>17 and when they were transitioning over, they then, I guess,</p> <p>18 were transitioned over to being a Washington University</p> <p>19 Saint Louis fellow in the consortium was the way that their</p> <p>20 pay would go.</p> <p>21 But -- but my understanding was at all times</p> <p>22 you were a part of the consortium. You were going -- you</p> <p>23 were going there to be educated at the Barnes/Wash U/Saint</p> <p>24 Louis Children's Hospital consortium.</p> <p>25 And the -- the way you were paid or the way</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 523</p> <p>1 acknowledgment and agreement to the terms of the</p> <p>2 Barnes-Jewish Hospital memorandum of appointment to the</p> <p>3 house officers and the GME consortium operating principles</p> <p>4 as described herein.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Okay. Do you remember my question?</b></p> <p>6 A What was your question again?</p> <p>7 <b>Q Is it signed by anyone at BJH?</b></p> <p>8 A I do not see a signature on this particular</p> <p>9 document.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Okay. Do you have any other copy which has a</b></p> <p>11 <b>signature from somebody at BJH?</b></p> <p>12 A I would have to check to see if any of the 60</p> <p>13 plus thousand pages of discovery has a signature. I mean,</p> <p>14 it's very -- it's very clear that we've entered into a</p> <p>15 contract and acted upon it by me going there working, them</p> <p>16 paying me, and it was the same contract that everybody else</p> <p>17 entered into, the hundreds of residents that started.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Did you ever sign anything in relation to that</b></p> <p>19 <b>memorandum of appointment?</b></p> <p>20 A When I started the residency program, and</p> <p>21 before I started the residency program, we were given</p> <p>22 dozens of documents to sign. I believe I signed and</p> <p>23 returned the documents that were given to me.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Do you have a copy of a memorandum agreement</b></p> <p>25 <b>with your signature on it?</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 524</p> <p>1 A I would have to go through the documents to</p> <p>2 see if it's -- to see where it is. But, again, this was</p> <p>3 from the spring of 2016 after you match. You start</p> <p>4 receiving tons of documents from Sharon Stark, from Barnes,</p> <p>5 from Wash U for employment, for credentialing, all the</p> <p>6 types of checks that you need to do to start a new job.</p> <p>7 They send you lots of documents, so you sign</p> <p>8 them and send them back. All the copies that I had</p> <p>9 retained I gave over and I assume have been uploaded to the</p> <p>10 60,000 pages of discovery. I -- I would assume that</p> <p>11 every -- I would assume that all documents were filled out</p> <p>12 properly since I was allowed to start working there and we</p> <p>13 both acted upon the agreement of the consortium contract.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Do you remember my question?</b></p> <p>15 A You're asking me if I had a signed agreement</p> <p>16 in front of me.</p> <p>17 <b>Q Not in front of you. Do you have one at all?</b></p> <p>18 A You know, I -- the answer is I don't recall.</p> <p>19 I believe I signed all documents, but I don't recall.</p> <p>20 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B6 was marked</p> <p>21 for identification.)</p> <p>22 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>23 <b>Q Handing you what's been marked as Exhibit B6.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Represent to you this is a document which Barnes-Jewish</b></p> <p>25 <b>Hospital produced in this lawsuit. Have you ever seen it</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 526</p> <p>1 MR. NOLAN: B6?</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Yeah, labeled confidential.</p> <p>3 MR. NOLAN: Oh, sure. Thank you.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Okay. All right. So I see a</p> <p>5 copy of the acceptance for the house staff hospital</p> <p>6 memorandum of appointment. So your question, I believe,</p> <p>7 was did I ever sign it?</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Yes.</b></p> <p>10 A I believe that I signed all documents that</p> <p>11 were given to me. And the reason I believe it is because I</p> <p>12 began my employment at Barnes and we both -- both parties</p> <p>13 executed the contract.</p> <p>14 <b>Q Do you see at the bottom on page, the first</b></p> <p>15 <b>page, it says keep one for your records and return one</b></p> <p>16 <b>signed appointment letter to the GME office by May 27,</b></p> <p>17 <b>2016?</b></p> <p>18 A I see where it says that, keep one for your</p> <p>19 records, return one signed appointment letter to the GME</p> <p>20 office by May 27th, 2016. That would have been before I</p> <p>21 started the residency training. I believe orientation was</p> <p>22 at the beginning of June.</p> <p>23 I would assume that there was a -- I would</p> <p>24 assume that I would have signed these documents or they</p> <p>25 wouldn't have let me start. So I'm -- you know, again, I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 525</p> <p>1 before?</p> <p>2 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry?</p> <p>3 MR. ELSTER: I was clarifying.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm reading this. This</p> <p>5 is a -- this is a house staff hospital memorandum of</p> <p>6 appointment acceptance, dated April 28th, 2016, name</p> <p>7 Jeffery Weisman, PGY level.</p> <p>8 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you just --</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm sincerely sorry.</p> <p>10 THE COURT REPORTER: I know you are. Can you</p> <p>11 repeat that, please.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: This is a Barnes-Jewish Hospital</p> <p>13 House Staff Hospital Memorandum of Appointment:</p> <p>14 Acceptance, from April 28th, 2016, with my name on it, with</p> <p>15 PGY 1 level, department of anesthesiology/case ASAP,</p> <p>16 A-S-A-P. And I'm just reading it right now since it's --</p> <p>17 one second.</p> <p>18 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>19 <b>Q You can just read it quietly to yourself. And</b></p> <p>20 <b>the question is have you ever seen it.</b></p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Did you want this marked</p> <p>22 confidential?</p> <p>23 MR. NOLAN: What's that?</p> <p>24 MR. ELSTER: Did you want this marked</p> <p>25 confidential?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 527</p> <p>1 signed all documents that were given to me --</p> <p>2 <b>Q I'm not asking for your assumption. Do you</b></p> <p>3 <b>recall signing this?</b></p> <p>4 A As I said, to the best of my memory, I recall</p> <p>5 signing all documents that were given to me and returning</p> <p>6 them.</p> <p>7 <b>Q Do you recall signing this one?</b></p> <p>8 A I believe I signed all documents. I mean,</p> <p>9 they wouldn't have let me -- I would be surprised if they</p> <p>10 would let me start working there and then we both honor the</p> <p>11 contract if there wasn't a signed version of it at some</p> <p>12 point.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Would you look at the next page. Do you see</b></p> <p>14 <b>the handwritten note, he never returned a signed copy of</b></p> <p>15 <b>this appointment letter?</b></p> <p>16 A Okay. Is this -- is there a date on this hand</p> <p>17 not or where this is from?</p> <p>18 <b>Q Well, there's a handwritten note at the top</b></p> <p>19 <b>that says 2016/2017.</b></p> <p>20 A Well, that's an academic year. Is this</p> <p>21 something that was created once litigation began and</p> <p>22 somebody put this in my file? What's the -- what's the</p> <p>23 authenticity of this document? I don't know. This is -- I</p> <p>24 could take a piece of paper right now and write 2016/2017,</p> <p>25 never returned a signed copy of the appointment letter.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 528</p> <p>1 So, you know, I have no idea what the</p> <p>2 authenticity is. Is this stamped, is it filed, is it</p> <p>3 numbered? Is there -- are there electronic scans in my</p> <p>4 file? I'm just asking.</p> <p>5 <b>Q All right. Thank you so much. Thank you.</b></p> <p>6 A All right. Well, I'll represent to you I've</p> <p>7 never seen a copy with your signature on it, and you all</p> <p>8 didn't produce a copy with your signature on it. Can you</p> <p>9 explain to me how that would be possible if you did in fact</p> <p>10 sign this?</p> <p>11 MR. ELSTER: Objection --</p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls --</p> <p>13 MR. ELSTER: -- speculation.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: I mean, you're asking me to</p> <p>15 speculate. I mean, again, I -- I stated I believe that I</p> <p>16 filed every single document that was required for me to</p> <p>17 begin working there. And I, in fact, did begin working</p> <p>18 there, and both parties began the contract and honored the</p> <p>19 contract. You know, we started the contract I would say.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q Now, you had already contractually obligated</b></p> <p>22 <b>yourself to enter the anesthesiology program right?</b></p> <p>23 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Well, when you say -- when you</p> <p>25 say that, are -- are you stating that I had signed the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 530</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q No, I'm not talking about that. I'm talking</b></p> <p>3 <b>about the point which you received your match to go enter</b></p> <p>4 <b>the anesthesiology program. What were the terms of the</b></p> <p>5 <b>agreement between you and BJH at that point?</b></p> <p>6 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: As I said, my -- my</p> <p>8 understanding was once you matched, you entered into the</p> <p>9 memorandum of appointment. And I believe, thinking back,</p> <p>10 I'm just thinking back to my interview days, I believe that</p> <p>11 when you interview at these medical centers, and I know</p> <p>12 many did, if not all, they'd give you a copy of the</p> <p>13 memorandum of appointment in your interview packet. So --</p> <p>14 so I believe that's in there at some point.</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q Have you produced that?</b></p> <p>17 A I produced all documents that I had.</p> <p>18 <b>Q I'll represent to you I've not seen anything</b></p> <p>19 <b>in a membership packet from you in your production.</b></p> <p>20 A Well, I guess I would just say that, you know,</p> <p>21 again, any documents that I had kept -- this would have</p> <p>22 been, this document or interview packet would have been</p> <p>23 from the 2015/2016 interview season. And I interviewed</p> <p>24 with many programs. And I'm certain, you know, anything</p> <p>25 that I kept I would have handed over.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 529</p> <p>1 National Residency Match Program agreement, that I would --</p> <p>2 that I would be matched to the program and I would enter</p> <p>3 into a binding agreement?</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Yeah. Were you bound to enter the program?</b></p> <p>6 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I've not done a</p> <p>8 legal analysis on this --</p> <p>9 THE COURT REPORTER: I got it. I got it.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: I have not done a legal analysis</p> <p>11 on this, but my understanding was that once you matched,</p> <p>12 you were supposed to then -- that both parties were to</p> <p>13 supposed to enter the program and move forward and --</p> <p>14 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>15 <b>Q Okay. So at that point, once you matched with</b></p> <p>16 <b>the program, anesthesiology program, what the terms of the</b></p> <p>17 <b>agreement between you and about BJH at that point in time?</b></p> <p>18 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- I believe once --</p> <p>20 well, you're asking me to make a legal conclusion. I mean,</p> <p>21 all I can say is that there's a National Residency Match</p> <p>22 Program agreement, and you then enter -- and then you also</p> <p>23 enter into the hospital memorandum of appointment, which I</p> <p>24 did for the consortium.</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 531</p> <p>1 But I will say if you're looking for that</p> <p>2 protocol, you can talk to your client. They give out</p> <p>3 interview packets all the time that have copies of a</p> <p>4 memorandum of appointment, as well as everything else, all</p> <p>5 the information you'll need when you arrive there, or basic</p> <p>6 information.</p> <p>7 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B7 was marked</p> <p>8 for identification.)</p> <p>9 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>10 <b>Q Handing you a copy of what's been marked as</b></p> <p>11 <b>B7. This came from your production. Do you recognize this</b></p> <p>12 <b>document?</b></p> <p>13 A This seems to be an email from the National</p> <p>14 Residency Match Program, sent January 14th of 2016,</p> <p>15 subject, rankings open tomorrow, resources and reminder.</p> <p>16 This seems to be an automatically generated email from the</p> <p>17 National Residency Match Program to doctors that were</p> <p>18 registered with them.</p> <p>19 <b>Q Okay. Do you see under important reminders in</b></p> <p>20 <b>the third bullet point it says, quote, listing a program on</b></p> <p>21 <b>a certified rank order list establishes a binding</b></p> <p>22 <b>commitment, so rank only those programs where you</b></p> <p>23 <b>interviewed and are willing and able to train.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>25 A That is what the text says.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 532</p> <p>1 <b>Q Is that what you're talking about in terms of</b>  2 <b>the NRMP application contract?</b>  3 A Well, I believe there's multiple contracts  4 that are involved here. I don't know if this going to  5 cover all of them, but when you sign up to use a website  6 like ERAS or the AAMC or the National Residency Matching  7 Program, there may be multiple contracts that you have to  8 electronically sign.  9 I know ERAS, for example, has a few user  10 agreements and contracts to use that. And I believe the  11 NRMP does. I don't believe or remember if I downloaded  12 those or if you -- or where they are at the moment.  13 But I, you know, I signed and filled out all  14 agreements required to participate in the match, and I  15 believe in fact did because I went through the match. I  16 was matched somewhere and I started working somewhere.  17 <b>Q Okay. I'm trying to understand what the terms</b>  18 <b>are of any contract between you and BJH. You all didn't</b>  19 <b>produce any NRMP contract to my knowledge. So where --</b>  20 <b>where can I find the terms of that agreement?</b>  21 A Well, I would strongly suspect the National  22 Residency Matching Program would have their contracts and  23 agreements there.  24 <b>Q Do you know what they are?</b>  25 A Well, I gave over all documents that I had,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 534</p> <p>1 participating or medical centers from participating for  2 either a lifetime ban or a number of years.  3 So it's a very -- so because of the antitrust  4 monopoly power they have as the one center, and the Sherman  5 Antitrust Act allowing them to have that, those agreements  6 are generally taken relatively seriously. I know there are  7 agreements that exist.  8 <b>Q Okay. So as this email from the NM -- the</b>  9 <b>NRMP, which has been labeled Exhibit B7, as it indicates,</b>  10 <b>you were, you had a binding commitment to enter the</b>  11 <b>anesthesiology program once you were selected for it, true?</b>  12 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.  13 THE WITNESS: That was my understanding as a  14 medical student at the time.  15 BY MR. NOLAN:  16 <b>Q Okay.</b>  17 A Once -- once you matched, you had a legal  18 obligation to go there.  19 <b>Q So you didn't have the opportunity to then</b>  20 <b>later say hey, I'd like to negotiate the terms of this</b>  21 <b>agreement between us, right?</b>  22 A Well, which agreement are we referring to?  23 <b>Q Any agreement after that. You were stuck,</b>  24 <b>right?</b>  25 MR. ELSTER: Objection, foundation.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 533</p> <p>1 and I would strongly suspect that the National Residency  2 Matching Program would have a document retention policy and  3 would likely have those if -- if you're looking for it.  4 <b>Q Do you know what the terms are?</b>  5 A I haven't looked at that document since 2015,  6 2016. I, you know, from my memory, I -- I would really  7 need to see it to refresh. I can't comment on it really  8 without refreshing on it.  9 <b>Q All right. But it's your belief that there's</b>  10 <b>some written contract called the NMR -- NRMP contract?</b>  11 MR. ELSTER: Objection to the extent it's a  12 legal conclusion.  13 THE WITNESS: You know, my -- my belief just  14 as a layperson is that there is a medical student, there is  15 a contract. And, in fact, I know there are contracts and  16 agreements for the following reason, it regularly occurs in  17 the course of events that residents wants to get out of the  18 match contract. Perhaps they've matched a part of the  19 country and they suddenly have a sick parent and they have  20 to go to the National Residency Matching Program with the  21 program to file an appeal to release the agreement.  22 If they don't so, then there's implications  23 either for the resident that doesn't show up, or if the  24 program decides not to take a resident, the National  25 Residency Matching Program can ban residents from</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 535</p> <p>1 (Reporter clarification.)  2 MR. ELSTER: Foundation, and legal conclusion.  3 BY MR. NOLAN:  4 <b>Q Right?</b>  5 A Well, there -- even though the NRMP had the  6 match and they obligated you to go somewhere, it was very  7 frequent that before ranking other programs, there would be  8 discussions among residents with programs about the terms  9 of their -- of their employment and things that would  10 occur.  11 <b>Q Once the NRMP matched you with the</b>  12 <b>anesthesiology program, you were obligated to go to it no</b>  13 <b>matter what that program entailed, yes?</b>  14 MR. ELSTER: Same objections.  15 THE WITNESS: Well, what I -- what I would say  16 is while you were obligated to go there, you were not  17 obligated to rank a program highly or first so that you  18 would end up actually going there.  19 BY MR. NOLAN:  20 <b>Q No, but once you were matched with the</b>  21 <b>program, you had to go there, right?</b>  22 A Once you -- once you --  23 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.  24 THE WITNESS: -- were matched with the  25 program, you had to go there, but you would not rank them</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 536</p> <p>1 high enough to match unless you had come to an agreement</p> <p>2 that you wanted to be there. So if that -- and I hope I'm</p> <p>3 explaining that well.</p> <p>4 But that was -- there -- you know, you could</p> <p>5 talk to programs and negotiate different aspects, you know,</p> <p>6 learn and negotiate what was going on there and you would</p> <p>7 not rank them unless that program met your expectations.</p> <p>8 And then once you matched, you would go there,</p> <p>9 but certainly through any prior agreements, those would be</p> <p>10 honored.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about</b></p> <p>13 <b>if you list a program and you're then matched with that</b></p> <p>14 <b>program, according to your understanding of the terms of</b></p> <p>15 <b>the agreement, you had to go there no matter what, yes?</b></p> <p>16 A Well, the answer to that is actually no. The</p> <p>17 answer to that is actually no in a sense because, well,</p> <p>18 yes, in general you're obligated to go there. You could</p> <p>19 always file an appeal to not go there with the NRMP if</p> <p>20 there was an issue or something going on I suppose.</p> <p>21 So there were -- there were theoretical safety</p> <p>22 valves in different directions in terms of ranking somebody</p> <p>23 one, which -- ranking somebody highly, which both parties</p> <p>24 would have to do, or in terms of being able to request that</p> <p>25 they agree -- that the NRMP contract to sign your</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 538</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Handing you what's been marked B8. That's an</b></p> <p>3 <b>email from the NRMP. It's to you. Do you recognize that</b></p> <p>4 <b>document?</b></p> <p>5 A I'm reading it right now. It's from the</p> <p>6 National Residency Matching Program, February 25th, 2016 to</p> <p>7 me. It is confirmation of a certified rank order list.</p> <p>8 And the way that the National Residency Match</p> <p>9 Program operated, you would -- you could get access to</p> <p>10 their website, but you would have to certify your match</p> <p>11 order list by a certain day and time. And after that time,</p> <p>12 you were unable to change the rank order list for the</p> <p>13 certification of it.</p> <p>14 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B9 was marked</p> <p>15 for identification.)</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Handing you what's been marked as B9. Is that</b></p> <p>18 <b>another email from the NRMP to you?</b></p> <p>19 A I believe that is an email from the NRMP to</p> <p>20 me, Monday, February 20th, 2017, confirmation of a</p> <p>21 certified rank order list. And it says that I certified a</p> <p>22 list on Monday, February 20th, 2017 at 1:0 --</p> <p>23 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: On Monday, February 20th, 2017</p> <p>25 at 1:09 p.m. Eastern Standard time.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 537</p> <p>1 memorandum of appointment be revoked if there was something</p> <p>2 seriously inappropriate going on. And I've -- I've seen or</p> <p>3 heard of situations that that would fit those types of</p> <p>4 categories.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Okay. Would you agree with me that the moment</b></p> <p>6 <b>you were matched with the anesthesiology program, you had</b></p> <p>7 <b>to go there no matter what unless you filed an appeal?</b></p> <p>8 A Well, I would say -- I would say that I would</p> <p>9 have had to go there unless I filed an appeal. Or if I</p> <p>10 didn't file an appeal and I didn't want to go there, I</p> <p>11 would risk being within breach of the NRMP, so I would have</p> <p>12 to make a decision on that type of situation on how to</p> <p>13 handle it.</p> <p>14 <b>Q All right.</b></p> <p>15 A As any other resident would do in those</p> <p>16 situations.</p> <p>17 <b>Q When did you receive your match to the</b></p> <p>18 <b>anesthesiology program?</b></p> <p>19 A I don't recall the exact date. I believe</p> <p>20 match date was in March of 2016. Most medical schools do a</p> <p>21 match day or event. Wash U does as well. You go up on</p> <p>22 stage, you open an envelope. They invite family and</p> <p>23 friends. It's a big happy event.</p> <p>24 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B8 was marked</p> <p>25 for identification.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 539</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q So at what point did you become obligated to</b></p> <p>3 <b>join the anesthesiology program?</b></p> <p>4 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- I think there's a</p> <p>6 confusion in your question, and I'm going to explain it.</p> <p>7 So when you become -- so the way the process works is you</p> <p>8 can log into the National Residency Matching Program and</p> <p>9 certify your rank order list, and you can also log in</p> <p>10 another time and certify your rank order list. It's an</p> <p>11 electronic system. You can go in.</p> <p>12 If you ranked, you know, University of</p> <p>13 Pittsburgh Number 19 and you want to move them up to 18 or</p> <p>14 Number 20, you can log in later and do that. There's a</p> <p>15 certain deadline where you're unable to change anything.</p> <p>16 And once that deadline happens, the system locks out.</p> <p>17 My understanding -- again, I'm not an expert</p> <p>18 in the NRMP, but my understanding is once the system is</p> <p>19 closed and the medical students and the medical centers</p> <p>20 have put in their rank order list, the system doesn't let</p> <p>21 anybody in.</p> <p>22 And the National Residency Matching Program</p> <p>23 runs an algorithm and they certify the algorithm and the</p> <p>24 match. And at point in March they let you know when you</p> <p>25 match.</p>

<p>Page 540</p> <p>1 Now, they don't let you know -- there's a --</p> <p>2 there's a point in March at the beginning of match week</p> <p>3 where they let you know that you have matched. They send</p> <p>4 you an email that either says you have matched or you have</p> <p>5 not matched.</p> <p>6 If you've matched, they do not let you know, I</p> <p>7 believe on that Monday at noon what the -- where you went.</p> <p>8 It's a secret because they do match day ceremonies, and</p> <p>9 it's tradition and custom.</p> <p>10 But if they say you haven't matched, then they</p> <p>11 have a supplement application system called the SOAP. It</p> <p>12 used to be called the SCRAMBLE. And then you'll go through</p> <p>13 that supplemental application system where you'll try to</p> <p>14 scramble into open seats that are still there.</p> <p>15 So the question is when was the fact -- when</p> <p>16 was the point that they ran the algorithm. You would have</p> <p>17 to ask the NRMP on the exact date and time they ran the</p> <p>18 algorithm and locked that in.</p> <p>19 I know I was notified of them on match day in</p> <p>20 March of 2016 is when I was notified you have matched this</p> <p>21 individual program. I know on that Monday, I believe, or</p> <p>22 the beginning of the week, I was told that I have matched.</p> <p>23 And then sometime between the final rank order submission</p> <p>24 date and that email you have matched, I know that the NRMP</p> <p>25 had run the algorithm to put things together.</p>	<p>Page 542</p> <p>1 application?</p> <p>2 A Yes, I believe that is my NRMP application.</p> <p>3 Q That's B10?</p> <p>4 A Bravo 1-0.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. So at some point in March of 2016 you</p> <p>6 were matched with the anesthesiology program, and at that</p> <p>7 point you were obligated to attend there, fair?</p> <p>8 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: You know, again, the legalities</p> <p>10 of it, I was just a med student in the process. I wasn't</p> <p>11 counseled for any of these organizations. But my</p> <p>12 understanding was once I was notified in March, then I was</p> <p>13 matched with a program and I -- and I was set to attend and</p> <p>14 they were set to take me.</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 Q Obligated, right?</p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Same objection.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: When I say obligated, I say that</p> <p>19 just as a medical student. My understanding is that they</p> <p>20 were meant to take me.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Well, thereafter, between then --</p> <p>23 between then and the date when you received what's been</p> <p>24 marked as B6, did you talk with anyone at BJH regarding the</p> <p>25 terms of the program?</p>
<p>Page 541</p> <p>1 So that -- that's my understanding as a med</p> <p>2 student. You know, I -- I do not work for the National</p> <p>3 Residency Matching Program, but that's my understanding as</p> <p>4 a medical student how the process works. And I know -- and</p> <p>5 that's what I know of it.</p> <p>6 Q When were you matched with the anesthesiology</p> <p>7 program?</p> <p>8 A Well, when I knew that I was matched or when</p> <p>9 they notified me?</p> <p>10 Q When you knew.</p> <p>11 A I knew I was matched a day in March of 2016 is</p> <p>12 when I went up on stage and I opened my envelope and it</p> <p>13 said Washington University/BJC consortium, anesthesia ASAP</p> <p>14 program. And I, you know, opened the envelope in front of</p> <p>15 everybody. That was when I knew it was -- that's when I</p> <p>16 fully knew it was with Washington University/BJC's</p> <p>17 consortium.</p> <p>18 Q And I'm sorry, you said that that was in March</p> <p>19 of '16?</p> <p>20 A I believe that was in March of 2016.</p> <p>21 (Thereupon, Defendant Exhibit B10 was marked</p> <p>22 for identification.)</p> <p>23 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>24 Q Okay. I'm handing you what's been marked as</p> <p>25 Exhibit B10. Do you understand that's your NRMP</p>	<p>Page 543</p> <p>1 A I would -- I would have to refresh my memory.</p> <p>2 I believe right after the match we received lots of emails</p> <p>3 and contact by people in the program. I don't remember the</p> <p>4 exact dates and times, but there was lots of documents to</p> <p>5 sign and conversations to be had as they wanted you to come</p> <p>6 in, in my case to come in and do research.</p> <p>7 So I would have to go through and refresh</p> <p>8 myself on the exact sequence of events. I believe this</p> <p>9 document, the House Staff Hospital Memorandum Appointment,</p> <p>10 was dated April 28th, 2016.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A And match was in, I believe, the beginning or</p> <p>13 mid-March of 2016.</p> <p>14 Q Did you negotiate the stipend amount with</p> <p>15 anyone from BJH?</p> <p>16 A Well, I -- let's see. I did not negotiate the</p> <p>17 stipend amount dollar by dollar here, but I -- one way</p> <p>18 residents negotiated their stipend amount is by voting with</p> <p>19 rank lists. If someone is not paying well enough, you</p> <p>20 don't rank them well.</p> <p>21 Q The memorandum of appointment, which is an</p> <p>22 exhibit to your complaint, did you negotiate the terms of</p> <p>23 any of these -- of this with anyone from BJH?</p> <p>24 A This memorandum of appointment, I believe, was</p> <p>25 the standardized memorandum of appointment. I don't recall</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 544</p> <p>1 negotiating any terms of this memorandum here.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Okay. They just hand it to you, or email it</b></p> <p>3 <b>to you, no negotiation at all, right?</b></p> <p>4 A Well, related to the -- to the terms in this</p> <p>5 memorandum of appointment. But I did have negotiations</p> <p>6 with them prior to this that I would bring my lab up and</p> <p>7 they would support me, that I would never have ranked them</p> <p>8 at the top of my list. I -- I would have gone to</p> <p>9 Vanderbilt or Stanford or other places that offered me</p> <p>10 support for my lab group.</p> <p>11 <b>Q At this point if you would have gotten up to</b></p> <p>12 <b>Saint Louis and decided you know what, Saint Louis just</b></p> <p>13 <b>isn't for me, do you feel that you would have been</b></p> <p>14 <b>contractually obligated to stay in the program even though</b></p> <p>15 <b>you wanted to leave?</b></p> <p>16 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Well, you're asking me again a</p> <p>18 legal conclusion. I would say that as a -- as a medical</p> <p>19 student or entering resident, if I came to a new hospital</p> <p>20 and there were certain problems, then I may very well feel</p> <p>21 that I didn't want to start or that I wanted to leave, I</p> <p>22 believe there's some allowances for that in the National</p> <p>23 Residency Match Program for problems at hospitals or things</p> <p>24 that are going on that are inappropriate.</p> <p>25 The National Residency Match Program, I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 546</p> <p>1 <b>Q When it refers to house officer, that's you,</b></p> <p>2 <b>right?</b></p> <p>3 A I was considered a house officer.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Not BJH, right?</b></p> <p>5 A Again, I -- I was considered a house officer.</p> <p>6 Are you asking me to interrupt the contract here about</p> <p>7 BJH's responsibilities in it?</p> <p>8 <b>Q I'm just saying, your understanding of</b></p> <p>9 <b>Section 16 when it refers to house officers, they're</b></p> <p>10 <b>talking about residents like you, not BJH, right?</b></p> <p>11 A Well, you're -- you're asking me to interpret</p> <p>12 the contract. It's giving house officer responsibility,</p> <p>13 but it also, for example, in Section I, it says to fully</p> <p>14 cooperate with the program, school of medicine and</p> <p>15 hospital --</p> <p>16 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Sorry. It says to fully</p> <p>18 cooperate with program, school of medicine and hospital in</p> <p>19 coordinating and completing documentation required by the</p> <p>20 RRC, ACGME hospital, school of medicine, department and/or</p> <p>21 program, including but not limited to so legible and timely</p> <p>22 completion of patient medical records and charts.</p> <p>23 So it seems that there's a joint requirement</p> <p>24 to have parties working together to complete ACGME</p> <p>25 documentation.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 545</p> <p>1 believe, and I'd have to look at it, but I believe that</p> <p>2 after 30 days you may be able to not violate the National</p> <p>3 Residency Match Program and be disciplined by them if you</p> <p>4 leave and something inappropriate is going on at a</p> <p>5 hospital.</p> <p>6 I'd have to check, I don't recall if it's 30,</p> <p>7 60 or 90 days, but I do believe that they're -- that there</p> <p>8 are some protocols in there for arriving someplace and</p> <p>9 there being a problem in the place you've arrived beyond</p> <p>10 just trying to break the NRMP contract. I believe there's</p> <p>11 also some protocols with the NRMP, but, again, I'd have to</p> <p>12 research those, and I have not looked at those in a number</p> <p>13 of years.</p> <p>14 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>15 <b>Q Okay. Would you turn to the Memorandum of</b></p> <p>16 <b>Appointment, Section 16.</b></p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 <b>Q You see there it says responsibilities of</b></p> <p>19 <b>house officers. And it's your understanding that that</b></p> <p>20 <b>would refer to you, true?</b></p> <p>21 A Well, let me read this. One second.</p> <p>22 Okay. I've refreshed myself and quickly read</p> <p>23 Section 16, responsibilities of house officers.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Do you remember my question?</b></p> <p>25 A Will you please restate your question.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 547</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Sir, please listen to my question very</b></p> <p>3 <b>carefully, okay? Do you see in the heading for Section 16</b></p> <p>4 <b>in bold print the two words house officers? Do you see</b></p> <p>5 <b>that?</b></p> <p>6 A I see where it says responsibilities of house</p> <p>7 officers.</p> <p>8 <b>Q No. Do you see the two words, house officers?</b></p> <p>9 A I see the two words house officers.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Okay. Well, focus on those two words. Is it</b></p> <p>11 <b>your understanding that that applies to the residents or to</b></p> <p>12 <b>BJH?</b></p> <p>13 A Well, my understanding per -- you know, from a</p> <p>14 legal perspective, I'm not giving a legal analysis of this</p> <p>15 contract, but my understanding is that the obligations for</p> <p>16 things such as complying with federal laws in ACGME</p> <p>17 accreditation standards is by both parties of the</p> <p>18 agreement.</p> <p>19 <b>Q That's not my question. I'm asking you do you</b></p> <p>20 <b>understand the two words house officers --</b></p> <p>21 A I understand house officers.</p> <p>22 <b>Q -- to refer to residents or BJH?</b></p> <p>23 A I understand that this is talk. Some of</p> <p>24 this -- reading some of this, and, again, I'm not drawing a</p> <p>25 legal conclusion on it because I'm not acting as a lawyer</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 548</p> <p>1 here, but it seems that where it talks about house 2 officers, many of these obligations require two parties to 3 be able to fulfill these obligations.</p> <p>4 <b>Q So are you saying that house officers is</b> 5 <b>referring to BJH?</b></p> <p>6 A You're -- you're asking me to make a legal 7 conclusion, I believe. And I, you know, and that's, I 8 believe, for the lawyers to determine what every word in 9 this contract legally means.</p> <p>10 <b>Q I'm asking you for your understanding.</b></p> <p>11 A My understanding is, I'm saying that my 12 understanding is this contract applies to both BJH, the 13 consortium, and the house officers or medical residents 14 that are coming in.</p> <p>15 <b>Q You're calling it a contract. You didn't</b> 16 <b>negotiate this or bargain for this.</b></p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion, a 18 contract.</p> <p>19 You can answer subject to that.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm not -- not going to 21 make a legal conclusion on it. I -- I just, I said this 22 was a contract. There's lots of contracts that have come 23 in a wide variety of forms. And I'll let the lawyers 24 discuss what those contracts are and what they mean. 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 550</p> <p>1 memorandum of appointment that when you were using 2 computers you were only supposed to use it under your 3 unique user ID that was assigned to you, correct?</p> <p>4 A I used those computers under the unique user 5 ID assigned to me.</p> <p>6 <b>Q You were not supposed to use a computer</b> 7 <b>relative to someone else's unique user ID assigned to them,</b> 8 <b>correct?</b></p> <p>9 A Well, I think there's two things to note here 10 to answer your question, one, I used user -- I used my user 11 ID to access the computers. And I know you're going to ask 12 me next about Richard Benzinger's, looking at Richard 13 Benzinger's emails. I was logged into that computer under 14 my unique ID.</p> <p>15 But I will note that it was very much standard 16 and custom that if you were sitting in a PACU or post-op 17 area or, you know, a station on the wards, very often if 18 somebody was using a computer, somebody else would come by 19 and say hey, can you look up a patient for me or do you 20 mind if I come and sit down and just look up a patient on 21 the EMR.</p> <p>22 So it was very much custom that there was lots 23 of interchangeability of people using computers quickly to 24 be able to provide efficient patient care, which I think is 25 important.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 549</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Let's look at Subsection J, under the -- under</b> 3 <b>the heading of responsibilities of house officers. Do you</b> 4 <b>see in Section J it says use computers and internet</b> 5 <b>technology in support of patient care and education in a</b> 6 <b>responsible manner and in compliance with applicable</b> 7 <b>policies and regulations of the hospital and other</b> 8 <b>regulatory bodies utilizing only the unique user ID</b> 9 <b>assigned to you.</b></p> <p>10 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>11 A Let me go read this again myself. Computers 12 and internet technology in support of patient care and 13 education in a responsible manner and in compliance with 14 applicable policies and regulations of the hospital, and 15 other regulatory bodies utilizing only the unique user ID 16 assigned to you. So that is what the words on the page 17 say.</p> <p>18 <b>Q So did I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>19 A You read word for word what's written there.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Thanks. A simple yes would do, okay, and</b> 21 <b>probably would be a lot quicker.</b></p> <p>22 MR. ELSTER: Objection, badgering the witness.</p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: Is that a question?</p> <p>24 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>25 <b>Q So you understood that it was part of this</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 551</p> <p>1 And you also noted that in a -- as you read, 2 in support of patient care and education in a responsible 3 manner, which I've always done, and in compliance with 4 applicable policy and regulations of the hospital and other 5 regulatory bodies, which in my opinion I've always done and 6 followed.</p> <p>7 <b>Q Okay. And you're familiar with Missouri's</b> 8 <b>computer tampering statute, right?</b></p> <p>9 A Well, I would let my lawyers make legal 10 conclusions on it, but I understand there's a statute in 11 Missouri called the Missouri Computer Tampering Statute.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Right. And you -- put it this way, down below</b> 13 <b>Section J it says, failure of the house officer to comply</b> 14 <b>with any of the responsibilities set forth above shall</b> 15 <b>constitute grounds for disciplinary action up to and</b> 16 <b>including suspension or termination from the program.</b></p> <p>17 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>18 A You read failure -- you read failure of the 19 house officer to comply with any responsibilities set forth 20 above --</p> <p>21 THE COURT REPORTER: I can't --</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Sorry. You -- you read -- you 23 read the statement which started failure of the house 24 officer to comply with any of the responsibilities set 25 forth above shall constitute grounds for disciplinary</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 552</p> <p>1 action, up to and including suspension or termination from</p> <p>2 the program.</p> <p>3 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>4 <b>Q So I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>5 A You read what was -- you read what was right</p> <p>6 there.</p> <p>7 <b>Q Thank you. Just say yes.</b></p> <p>8 MR. RUTTER: Is there a question?</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Thank you for -- for pointing it</p> <p>10 out. Yes, you read that exactly as is there.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q Okay. So for you to utilize a computer using</b></p> <p>13 <b>Dr. Benzinger's unique user ID, that would be in violation</b></p> <p>14 <b>of this memorandum, correct?</b></p> <p>15 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: You're -- you're asking me --</p> <p>17 MR. ELSTER: Hold on. Hold on. Objection,</p> <p>18 legal conclusion and as to material breach of contract.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Well, you're --</p> <p>20 MR. RUTTER: Hold on, Jeff. Objection,</p> <p>21 assumes facts not in evidence.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: You're asking me to speculate</p> <p>23 here. I, you know, I can't make a legal conclusion on</p> <p>24 this, but I never used Richard Benzinger's unique ID. It</p> <p>25 was my computer. It was a common terminal that I've logged</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 554</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm not giving a legal</p> <p>2 conclusion on it, but I did not take -- I did not</p> <p>3 improperly take data or improperly access Richard</p> <p>4 Benzinger's account.</p> <p>5 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>6 <b>Q And it says up in Section B of this section</b></p> <p>7 <b>that you're supposed to comply with all applicable state,</b></p> <p>8 <b>federal and local laws, as well as standards required to</b></p> <p>9 <b>maintain accreditation by the ACGME, right?</b></p> <p>10 A And that's what's stated there, and I -- I</p> <p>11 very -- I very much did. As I said, I saw inappropriate</p> <p>12 behavior. You asked about that earlier, and I believe we</p> <p>13 discussed that at length in the very beginning of the</p> <p>14 deposition when I said I felt there was inappropriate</p> <p>15 behavior and there's a question on what laws were being</p> <p>16 violated.</p> <p>17 And what I said was, I guess what I should</p> <p>18 have stressed is I can't give a legal conclusion on it, but</p> <p>19 when you were asking about the FCA and other things, while</p> <p>20 I can't give a legal conclusion, I can see that I saw</p> <p>21 harassment, I saw disability discrimination, I saw USERRA</p> <p>22 discrimination. And I felt those things were improper and</p> <p>23 I wanted to give them to attorneys to further investigate.</p> <p>24 So to go back and answer again your question</p> <p>25 from the beginning, I saw what I thought was improper</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 553</p> <p>1 into with my log-in and password. And that's what I was</p> <p>2 using.</p> <p>3 I never took his password. I never forwarded</p> <p>4 an email. You know that's -- and not to mention this, but</p> <p>5 you said failure to comply, etc. Based on custom and</p> <p>6 culture, it was very clear that, one, what I did was</p> <p>7 appropriate, and, two, you were contacted about severe</p> <p>8 copyright infringement on Jake Mcdowall or Chris Davies, I</p> <p>9 believe, for hundreds of pirated textbooks that were being</p> <p>10 used in the intranet. I believe that associate general</p> <p>11 counsel --</p> <p>12 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>13 <b>Q This is not responsive to my question.</b></p> <p>14 A No, I'm just saying, you're -- you're asking</p> <p>15 about things that would be a breach here and what that</p> <p>16 says. So I'm just bringing that up.</p> <p>17 MR. NOLAN: Move to strike nonresponsive</p> <p>18 portion of the answer.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q You would agree with me that if in fact you</b></p> <p>21 <b>were taking data from mister -- Dr. Benzinger's email</b></p> <p>22 <b>account without authorization, that would be a violation of</b></p> <p>23 <b>the Missouri's computer tampering act, right?</b></p> <p>24 MR. ELSTER: Objection, compound and legal</p> <p>25 conclusion.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 555</p> <p>1 activities, and, you know, did what I -- what I thought was</p> <p>2 proper and what was in fact proper to -- to act</p> <p>3 professionally and appropriately and do everything</p> <p>4 properly.</p> <p>5 And as we were digging around, I believe Alex</p> <p>6 Evers actually told me one time that he had an issue with</p> <p>7 one of his residents stealing documents off the computer of</p> <p>8 nurses' cell phones and calling him up to ask for dates and</p> <p>9 things like that.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Move to strike.</b></p> <p>11 A Which again would have been computer</p> <p>12 tampering. You know --</p> <p>13 <b>Q Sir, there's no question pending right now.</b></p> <p>14 A I'm just talking about the situation as we</p> <p>15 were moving along. Go ahead.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Sir, you would agree with me that at no point</b></p> <p>17 <b>in time did you ever enter into an agreement or contract</b></p> <p>18 <b>with BJC Healthcare, yes?</b></p> <p>19 MR. ELSTER: Objection, legal conclusion,</p> <p>20 foundation as to BJC Healthcare.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: Well, you know, I -- I would</p> <p>22 have to ask on what the formal structures of everything</p> <p>23 are. What is the difference formally between BJC</p> <p>24 Healthcare, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the consortium? I'd</p> <p>25 like to clarify those issues, although those seem to be</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 556</p> <p>1 legal issues to -- to flush out. But, you know, when you</p> <p>2 say -- when you say that entity, what exactly do you mean</p> <p>3 by that entity?</p> <p>4 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>5 <b>Q Well, there's an entity called BJC Healthcare.</b></p> <p>6 <b>And in your complaint you claim that you had a contract</b></p> <p>7 <b>with them. So I'm asking you what's the contract.</b></p> <p>8 A As I said, I had -- we can pull this up right</p> <p>9 here. I believe -- give me just one moment. There's a</p> <p>10 memorandum of appointment to house staff, and that is for</p> <p>11 the Wash U/Barnes-Jewish Hospital Saint Louis Graduate</p> <p>12 Medical Education Consortium, GME consortium. So this</p> <p>13 contract appears to cover all of the relevant possible</p> <p>14 entities.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Is BJC Healthcare part of the GME consortium?</b></p> <p>16 A I -- I would have to do some investigating on</p> <p>17 it as we've been doing in the current lawsuit and</p> <p>18 discovery.</p> <p>19 <b>Q So you don't know?</b></p> <p>20 A I'm saying I would have to do investigations</p> <p>21 on it and more discovery to see exactly what each of these</p> <p>22 legal entities are, and we've been doing that.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Do you have any written contract with BJC</b></p> <p>24 <b>signed by someone with authorization to sign?</b></p> <p>25 MR. MAREK: Objection, legal conclusion as to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 558</p> <p>1 <b>contract is between you and BJC.</b></p> <p>2 MR. MAREK: Objection, leading conclusion.</p> <p>3 That's not the factual basis for his claims.</p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Also objection, asked and</p> <p>5 answered.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Well, as I -- as I've said, I</p> <p>7 entered into an agreement and contract with the GME</p> <p>8 consortium and related entities both here as well as when I</p> <p>9 was being recruited and talking about moving my lab, and</p> <p>10 I -- I believe I entered into contracts, and I did, in</p> <p>11 fact, enter into contract with -- with all applicable</p> <p>12 entities.</p> <p>13 MR. NOLAN: Okay. Let's take a short break.</p> <p>14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at</p> <p>15 approximately 2:09 p.m.</p> <p>16 (Thereupon, a recess was taken, after which</p> <p>17 the following proceedings were had:)</p> <p>18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on record at</p> <p>19 approximately 2:22 p.m.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q You would agree with me that just because you</b></p> <p>22 <b>entered the anesthesiology program didn't mean that you</b></p> <p>23 <b>would complete it, correct?</b></p> <p>24 A I -- I wouldn't agree with that. I had every</p> <p>25 intention to enter and complete the anesthesiology program</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 557</p> <p>1 authorization.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I have -- I have the contract in</p> <p>3 front of me that you gave me, Exhibit B6 to look at right</p> <p>4 now. I'm sure there is other discovery data related to</p> <p>5 this, but we're in the process of recovering additional</p> <p>6 discovery information and data.</p> <p>7 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>8 <b>Q Well, sir, the lawsuit's been pending for,</b></p> <p>9 <b>what, three years now?</b></p> <p>10 A Well, I believe the lawsuit was filed in</p> <p>11 January of 2019. And we've been having ongoing discovery</p> <p>12 and it's going on for a long period of time due to</p> <p>13 substantial delays.</p> <p>14 <b>Q What's that?</b></p> <p>15 A It's gone on for a long period of time due to</p> <p>16 substantial delays that I put on your end for asking for</p> <p>17 additional 90 days, 90 days to move it on, without giving</p> <p>18 discovery that we've asked for. So we're trying to clear</p> <p>19 this up and you look into it.</p> <p>20 So as I said, right now I think you're asking</p> <p>21 for a legal conclusion. And I'm saying that we're</p> <p>22 currently investigating that. And I'd ask -- you know, I'd</p> <p>23 let my lawyers talk about legalities.</p> <p>24 <b>Q Well, this is my opportunity to ask you about</b></p> <p>25 <b>the factual basis for your claims. I want to know what the</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 559</p> <p>1 as did almost every other person that came in with me.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Would you agree with me that there's nothing</b></p> <p>3 <b>in the memorandum of appointment that guarantees that you</b></p> <p>4 <b>will complete the program?</b></p> <p>5 A Well, the memorandum of appointment is a</p> <p>6 contract or agreement that discusses training circumstances</p> <p>7 and situations. There's reasons that people may decide</p> <p>8 that they don't like a specialty or they want to go</p> <p>9 somewhere else.</p> <p>10 But I'd want to go through the entire</p> <p>11 memorandum of appointment to see if you're saying there's</p> <p>12 nothing in there that -- that says someone will complete,</p> <p>13 I'd want to go through and look at that, because my</p> <p>14 understanding was always the spirit of all these agreements</p> <p>15 was to train doctors.</p> <p>16 <b>Q You would agree there's nothing in the</b></p> <p>17 <b>memorandum of appointment that guarantees that you will</b></p> <p>18 <b>complete the program, yes?</b></p> <p>19 A There's nothing that I see right now in here.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Let me shift gears for a second and talk about</b></p> <p>21 <b>your resignation. You voluntarily resigned from the</b></p> <p>22 <b>anesthesiology program, yes?</b></p> <p>23 A I voluntarily -- I negotiated with them and</p> <p>24 then resigned.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Voluntarily?</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 560</p> <p>1 A Yes, after consideration from both parties was 2 given.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Well, what you're calling a negotiation, that 4 was your discussion with Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger, 5 correct?</b></p> <p>6 A Discussions that started off verbally and then 7 transitioned to some written communications and just had 8 also additional verbal, yes, those were the negotiation of 9 the terms.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Okay. Any alleged agreement that was reached 11 between you and Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger, you would 12 agree there's no signed writing by anyone from BJH that 13 would memorialize that agreement, yes?</b></p> <p>14 A I wouldn't say that there aren't things in 15 writing because there are -- there are portions of the 16 agreement in writing in emails where they're emailing that 17 we will help you to the best -- we will help you to succeed 18 or things along those lines, we will -- and, I guess, I 19 know you said in writing, but, again, we had verbal 20 conversations where Alex Evers said that we will help you 21 succeed, we will not stand in your way, we will help you. 22 That showed there was an agreement.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Okay. Is there any written agreement signed 24 by anyone from BJH what would memorialize this alleged 25 agreement?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 562</p> <p>1 components of that were that they would provide a good 2 reference, that they would assist me in transferring, they 3 would provide timely access to my records. They would 4 provide access to my records, in fact, and timely access to 5 my records.</p> <p>6 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>7 <b>Q They said that? That was said in the -- in 8 this --</b></p> <p>9 A When we were -- when we were discussing these 10 things, they would not -- they would -- they would help me. 11 They would provide a good reference. They would provide 12 assistance. They would provide access to records. They 13 would provide accurate records. These are the things that 14 we talked about when I spoke with them.</p> <p>15 <b>Q When you were negotiating this alleged 16 agreement with Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger, are you telling 17 me that they said we promise we will timely provide records 18 and access to records and stuff like that?</b></p> <p>19 A It wasn't an alleged agreement. It was an 20 agreement.</p> <p>21 <b>Q Did they use those words?</b></p> <p>22 A Richard Benzinger, when I was talking with him 23 on the final evening before my resignation, those were the 24 words that we used. We talked about positive references. 25 We talked about assistance. We talked about letting me</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 561</p> <p>1 A As I said, there are -- there are portions of 2 our discussions that are written.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Signed by someone from BJH?</b></p> <p>4 A Many of those emails have email signatures on 5 them. If you're looking for a printed out piece of paper 6 with an inked signature, I don't believe at this time that 7 I can recall one. But there were certainly discussions 8 that we were in a verbal -- there was a verbal contract, 9 and we also had written discussions about that contract.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Do you recall the exact verbatim term of that 11 alleged agreement that had to do with assisting you 12 transfer to different program?</b></p> <p>13 A Well, I haven't thought on it for -- for a 14 little bit since that was from 2018, but the basic terms of 15 that agreement were that they would provide me a positive 16 reference and they would assist me in transferring.</p> <p>17 My understanding was they would not interfere 18 with me transferring. There would be no secret meetings, 19 no hidden transcripts, nothing along those lines.</p> <p>20 <b>Q I'm -- I'm asking for the precise term of that 21 aspect of the agreement. What do you claim was promised to 22 you regarding future action and transferring to a different 23 program?</b></p> <p>24 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered. 25 THE WITNESS: As -- as -- as I said, the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 563</p> <p>1 have access to my files, about timely sending things. We 2 were talking about them helping me to transfer and continue 3 my medical career, not -- not declining to write a 4 transcript, not declining to send transcripts, and not 5 lying to a federal judge about sending transcripts.</p> <p>6 <b>Q Did you record that conversation?</b></p> <p>7 A I don't recall if that's one of the 8 conversations that was recorded. We've got several of 9 them.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Did you recall any of the conversations that 11 had to do with you resigning?</b></p> <p>12 A I recall those conversations, as I just said, 13 the last evening that I talked with Richard Benzinger. I 14 also met with TJ Graetz and spoke with him.</p> <p>15 <b>Q Do you remember my question?</b></p> <p>16 A Please go back to your question, sir.</p> <p>17 <b>Q Come on, please focus.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Did you record any of the conversations about 19 your resignation?</b></p> <p>20 A I believe that there may be some recordings of 21 those that are in the recordings that were provided.</p> <p>22 <b>Q All right. Could I get you to turn to the 23 exhibit which I believe is A2, your original complaint. 24 And would you turn to Page 22.</b></p> <p>25 A Sorry, which one is A2?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 564</p> <p>1 Okay. I'm on A2.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Do you see here in Paragraph 91, the last</b></p> <p>3 <b>sentence says, plaintiff finally resigned after negotiating</b></p> <p>4 <b>that he, one, would not work with the cardiothoracic ICU</b></p> <p>5 <b>anesthesiology faculty and would instead do other</b></p> <p>6 <b>rotations, two, would receive proper assistance to transfer</b></p> <p>7 <b>to a new program.</b></p> <p>8 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>9 A And which page was this on?</p> <p>10 <b>Q Page 22.</b></p> <p>11 MR. ELSTER: Objection. This is an abandoned</p> <p>12 pleading.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Okay. And where is this right</p> <p>14 now? 22, which paragraph again, sir?</p> <p>15 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16 <b>Q 91, the last sentence.</b></p> <p>17 A Okay. I'm reading this right now real fast.</p> <p>18 Yes. All right. I've read the paragraph.</p> <p>19 What was your question again, sir?</p> <p>20 <b>Q Did I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>21 A You read the term -- you read the words that</p> <p>22 are on the page here in Paragraph 91.</p> <p>23 <b>Q Correctly?</b></p> <p>24 A You --</p> <p>25 <b>Q Did I read them correctly?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 566</p> <p>1 A I told my attorneys everything that I've told</p> <p>2 you as far as the deal's terms, and this complaint was</p> <p>3 written by my legal counsel.</p> <p>4 <b>Q And signed by you, wasn't it?</b></p> <p>5 A It was signed by my legal counsel and signed</p> <p>6 by me. If I were to include every single term and every</p> <p>7 little detail about every rotation or little tidbits about</p> <p>8 Richard Benzinger having a problem with residents reusing</p> <p>9 dirty syringes and not telling patients --</p> <p>10 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Dirty prefilled syringes and not</p> <p>12 telling patients about it and then graduating them, this</p> <p>13 complaint would be thousands of pages. This complaint, I</p> <p>14 gave information to my counsel and they drafted a</p> <p>15 complaint.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Would you look at Exhibit A which is the</b></p> <p>18 <b>second amended complaint.</b></p> <p>19 A Okay. One, two. Okay.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Would you turn to Page 23.</b></p> <p>21 A Okay. I'm on Page 23.</p> <p>22 <b>Q Do you see in Paragraph 76, the second</b></p> <p>23 <b>sentence -- well, it's, second sentence says, as a result</b></p> <p>24 <b>of false evaluations and harassment by Wash U and BJH, he</b></p> <p>25 <b>offered to resign from his residency position, however, he</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 565</p> <p>1 A Plaintiff was also beginning to have constant</p> <p>2 gastroenterology symptoms, ulcerated --</p> <p>3 <b>Q No, no, no.</b></p> <p>4 A Sorry.</p> <p>5 <b>Q Paragraph 91, last sentence, plaintiff finally</b></p> <p>6 <b>resigned after negotiating that he, one, would not work</b></p> <p>7 <b>with the cardiothoracic ICU anesthesiology faculty and</b></p> <p>8 <b>would instead do other rotations, two, would receive proper</b></p> <p>9 <b>assistance to transfer to a new program. Did I read that</b></p> <p>10 <b>correctly?</b></p> <p>11 A You read the sentence in the pleading, sir.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Did I read it correctly?</b></p> <p>13 A You -- you read the words --</p> <p>14 MR. RUTTER: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: You read the words on the piece</p> <p>16 of paper and this, you know, as I told you before, there</p> <p>17 were multiple components that we discussed when I was</p> <p>18 discussing my negotiating a resignation, and these were</p> <p>19 aspects that were discussed, what rotations would I do next</p> <p>20 and other things.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Well, you would agree with me that you didn't</b></p> <p>23 <b>allege in your original complaint that this agreement had a</b></p> <p>24 <b>component where they said they would give you a good</b></p> <p>25 <b>recommendation?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 567</p> <p>1 <b>conditioned that offer on a promise that Evers, Benzinger,</b></p> <p>2 <b>Wash U, BJH would assist him in transferring to another</b></p> <p>3 <b>institution and residency program where he could complete</b></p> <p>4 <b>his training and become board eligible.</b></p> <p>5 <b>Did I read that correctly?</b></p> <p>6 A Let me read this again.</p> <p>7 Those are the words that are written there,</p> <p>8 but, again, I don't feel, as I said before earlier --</p> <p>9 <b>Q No.</b></p> <p>10 A -- this is a summary of events. It doesn't</p> <p>11 discuss the -- this is not a transcription of the</p> <p>12 conversation I had with all of these individuals talking</p> <p>13 about every little detail and nuance. It's just -- you</p> <p>14 know, this is just talking about some of the overall</p> <p>15 framework and terms of the agreement.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Sir, I just asked if I read it correctly.</b></p> <p>17 A You read everything that was on there, sir.</p> <p>18 <b>Q Reading on it states, Evers and Benzinger, on</b></p> <p>19 <b>behalf of themselves and Wash U and BJH, agreed to this</b></p> <p>20 <b>condition. Did I read that sentence correctly?</b></p> <p>21 A You read that sentence correctly. That's the</p> <p>22 sentence that's written there.</p> <p>23 <b>Q So all they did was agree to assist in</b></p> <p>24 <b>transferring. They didn't say they would give you a good</b></p> <p>25 <b>recommendation, did they?</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 568</p> <p>1 A They said they would give me a good 2 recommendation. And there's not a chance that I would have 3 resigned without knowing I was going to get a good 4 recommendation, they were going to give me timely access to 5 my files and they were going to, in fact, create my 6 transcripts and files.</p> <p>7 There's no way that I would have resigned 8 without knowing they were going to do those items. Nobody 9 would resign from a residency program and give up their 10 employment and all possibility of future employment without 11 having those types of terms.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Would you agree with me, given the passage of</b> 13 <b>time, you don't remember the exact wording that was used in</b> 14 <b>these conversations with Dr. Benzinger and Dr. Evers?</b></p> <p>15 A I would not agree with that.</p> <p>16 <b>Q You remember every single conversation</b> 17 <b>verbatim?</b></p> <p>18 A I haven't said -- repeat your question, 19 please.</p> <p>20 <b>Q Do you remember every single conversation you</b> 21 <b>had with Dr. Evers and Dr. Benzinger regarding your</b> 22 <b>resignation verbatim?</b></p> <p>23 A I do not recall every conversation I've had 24 verbatim, but I do remember the key points of conversations 25 and the key portions of agreements in conversations.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 570</p> <p>1 Richard Benzinger, Peter Nagele, Evan Kharasch discussing 2 that.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Do you have any written agreements signed by</b> 4 <b>anyone from BJH between SBI and BJH?</b></p> <p>5 A When you say a written agreement signed, are 6 you talking about an email with a signature block on it or 7 a printed out piece of paper that's been signed in ink?</p> <p>8 <b>Q Signed in ink.</b></p> <p>9 A I do not believe that I have a written 10 agreement printed out in paper and signed in ink.</p> <p>11 <b>Q Do you have a written agreement signed by</b> 12 <b>anyone from SBI?</b></p> <p>13 A I don't believe that I have a written 14 agreement printed out and signed in ink by SBI, but I 15 believe there are email communications, electronic 16 communications, as well as verbal communications about that 17 and the move to go there that occurred throughout the 18 process of negotiating.</p> <p>19 <b>Q So what are the alleged terms of this</b> 20 <b>agreement between SBI and BJH?</b></p> <p>21 A Well, basically the terms of the agreement 22 would be that if I came here as a resident, that I would 23 move my lab and resources to Saint Louis. We would be able 24 to affiliate and work with Wash U and BJH. 25 My lab and company would gain -- would engage</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 569</p> <p>1 <b>Q Would you agree with me that SBI never entered</b> 2 <b>into a contract with BJH?</b></p> <p>3 A I wouldn't agree with that at all.</p> <p>4 <b>Q Is it a written contract?</b></p> <p>5 A We had a -- let me go -- give me one second. 6 Okay. I'm just looking at this right now. 7 One second. I believe it's Page 12. One moment. 8 Okay. All right. Thank you for allowing me 9 to just refresh on that since I know we're going to be 10 talking about it. So can you please ask your question 11 again, sir.</p> <p>12 MR. NOLAN: Yeah. Would you read that 13 question back.</p> <p>14 (Thereupon, the referred to question was read 15 back by the Court Reporter as recorded above.)</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: All right. So, again, the 17 agreement was, I would say, both in part written and in 18 part verbal -- and in part verbal.</p> <p>19 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>20 <b>Q What was the written part of the agreement?</b></p> <p>21 A I believe there were emails where I -- where I 22 discussed part of the verbal agreement about bringing my 23 lab over to Saint Louis and moving it from LSU. I haven't 24 looked at those emails in a long period of time, but I 25 believe there's emails probably with myself, Alex Evers,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 571</p> <p>1 in research. Wash U and BJH would perform the obligations 2 of helping me to conduct those types of activities and they 3 would receive benefits for being involved in those types of 4 activities and research affiliations, and I would perform 5 the obligations and receive the benefits involved in those 6 research obligations.</p> <p>7 And Wash U and BJH would also take me on as a 8 resident to go train for five years to become board 9 eligible in anesthesia and a specialty. Those were the 10 basic terms of that agreement.</p> <p>11 I mean, bluntly, we would go develop 12 technology, you know, together and create things in Saint 13 Louis. I sincerely wish that was the case and we were able 14 to achieve those goals. It would have made me very happy 15 to do so.</p> <p>16 <b>Q So you'd agree with me it would have been</b> 17 <b>impossible to perform that contract in less than a year,</b> 18 <b>yes?</b></p> <p>19 A So your -- your question was if it was 20 impossible to form that contract in less than a year?</p> <p>21 <b>Q Right.</b></p> <p>22 A It would have been possible to form that 23 contract --</p> <p>24 <b>Q Perform. It would have been impossible to --</b> 25 <b>A Perform that a contract in a year?</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 572</p> <p>1       <b>Q Right.</b></p> <p>2       A Well, the initial portion of it would have</p> <p>3       been performed well under a year. I would have been</p> <p>4       accepted into the program. I would have moved my lab. I</p> <p>5       would have begun research affiliations. That would have</p> <p>6       occurred -- we -- I -- I interviewed with them and began</p> <p>7       talks in December of 2016. I matched in March of 2017.</p> <p>8       So we would have been able to reach that mark</p> <p>9       and goal when I came there in June, July. We would have</p> <p>10      moved the lab in. We would have started research</p> <p>11      obligations and we would have been able -- we -- as things</p> <p>12      started, to -- to move forward. So the initial -- so I --</p> <p>13      I think a good portion of that, if not all, would have been</p> <p>14      achieved in the first year and it would have just been</p> <p>15      growth from that point on.</p> <p>16      <b>Q So you think the part about training you for</b></p> <p>17      <b>five years could have been performed in one year?</b></p> <p>18      A The part about training me in five years would</p> <p>19      have taken more than one year, of course, but the portion</p> <p>20      of starting my training, moving the lab and beginning</p> <p>21      research would have -- would have started right away, as we</p> <p>22      did.</p> <p>23      And I would just say very simply, on the time</p> <p>24      in under a year it was, the lab was able to get integrated</p> <p>25      to the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy within a matter of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 574</p> <p>1       to the company when we were forming with David Sinow.</p> <p>2       (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>3       THE WITNESS: David Sinow, S-I-N-O-W.</p> <p>4       And -- and of course I also, you know, at that</p> <p>5       point I had ownership of the company, which gave me</p> <p>6       ownership of that equipment through the company ownership.</p> <p>7       BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>8       <b>Q Well, as an attorney you know that just</b></p> <p>9       <b>because you own the company doesn't mean you own the</b></p> <p>10      <b>equipment, fair?</b></p> <p>11      MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for a legal</p> <p>12      conclusion.</p> <p>13      THE WITNESS: I let my attorneys investigate</p> <p>14      that.</p> <p>15      BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>16      <b>Q Do you understand that?</b></p> <p>17      MR. RUTTER: Same objection. Calls for a</p> <p>18      legal conclusion.</p> <p>19      THE WITNESS: Again, I'd let my attorneys</p> <p>20      investigate that conclusion.</p> <p>21      BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22      <b>Q Well, at the time you claim the equipment was</b></p> <p>23      <b>converted, it was owned by SBI, true?</b></p> <p>24      A You know, I believe most of the equipment had</p> <p>25      been assigned to SBI. I would want to check. I -- I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 573</p> <p>1       months and transferred, I would say against my will, under</p> <p>2       duress, to the radiology department. But, nonetheless, it</p> <p>3       was a core facility in radiology by the end of my first</p> <p>4       year.</p> <p>5       (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>6       THE WITNESS: A core research facility in</p> <p>7       radiology by the end of my first year.</p> <p>8       BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9       <b>Q Regarding your -- the equipment that you say</b></p> <p>10      <b>was converted, was that -- were you the owner of that</b></p> <p>11      <b>equipment or was SBI the owner of the equipment?</b></p> <p>12      MR. ELSTER: Objection, vague as to equipment.</p> <p>13      THE WITNESS: So as -- as far as equipment,</p> <p>14      there were multiple 3D printers, there was scanning</p> <p>15      equipment. There was associated, just general associated</p> <p>16      equipment. There were reagents and general lab supplies.</p> <p>17      BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>18      <b>Q I know, the stuff you're claiming as a part --</b></p> <p>19      A Yeah.</p> <p>20      <b>Q -- of the lawsuit that was converted. Who</b></p> <p>21      <b>owned it?</b></p> <p>22      A So initially I had purchased a substantial</p> <p>23      portion of that equipment. And then we had, I believe, I'd</p> <p>24      have to think on the exact dates and times, but I believe</p> <p>25      that I had assigned all equipment and rights and everything</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 575</p> <p>1       believe there's an assignment agreement that I -- that I</p> <p>2       had signed that David Sinow had drafted. So I'd want to be</p> <p>3       accurate and give, you know, if I could find that in the</p> <p>4       discovery, I'd want to be very accurate and give out a</p> <p>5       date. I believe something exists like that.</p> <p>6       <b>Q At any point did Gary [sic] Sinow assign any</b></p> <p>7       <b>of his ownership interests in SBI to you?</b></p> <p>8       A Yes. David Sinow, after he saw what was going</p> <p>9       on and the situation at Barnes and Wash U, he waited a few</p> <p>10      months. And I -- I forget the exact date. There's an</p> <p>11      assignment document. But at a point he eventually assigned</p> <p>12      or sold his shares to me and took the loss of the, I</p> <p>13      believe close to 100,000 that he had invested at that point</p> <p>14      or more.</p> <p>15      And, yes, as you -- as you asked, he assigned</p> <p>16      his shares to me. I -- I don't recall all of the dates, if</p> <p>17      it was done in one assignment or in multiple, but there</p> <p>18      were documents, and I believe we've produced those and I</p> <p>19      can identify if necessary.</p> <p>20      <b>Q Did you do anything in exchange for his</b></p> <p>21      <b>assignment of his interests to you?</b></p> <p>22      A I believed I -- I believe I paid him funds for</p> <p>23      those shares at that point in time.</p> <p>24      <b>Q How much?</b></p> <p>25      A I don't remember the exact amount that it was,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 576</p> <p>1 but I -- I believe it was, I think at that point I believe</p> <p>2 it was something nominal at that point. But I apologize,</p> <p>3 I -- I believe there is a share sale or document agreement.</p> <p>4 Either we should have it here or I'm happy to try to find</p> <p>5 that from him.</p> <p>6 <b>Q The reason that you transferred the equipment</b></p> <p>7 <b>to Mallinckrodt is because your investor, Mr. Sinow, pulled</b></p> <p>8 <b>out, right?</b></p> <p>9 A Well, that was one of the reasons in the chain</p> <p>10 of events. The transfer occurred since -- since we no</p> <p>11 longer had our venture capital funding come in, and David</p> <p>12 Sinow was an investor, and that occurred because David</p> <p>13 Sinow saw what was going on with my employment status and</p> <p>14 didn't feel comfortable continuing to support the operation</p> <p>15 since he felt that, he was very concerned that there was a</p> <p>16 high probability that we would end up at this table today</p> <p>17 or something would happen.</p> <p>18 Clearly he is -- he is very good at predicting</p> <p>19 the future and protecting his interests, because that's</p> <p>20 what he was worried about, and he -- he called it.</p> <p>21 <b>Q No one physically threatened you with regards</b></p> <p>22 <b>to the transfer of the equipment, fair?</b></p> <p>23 A I was never physically threatened, but I at</p> <p>24 all times was very scared for my career in being</p> <p>25 blacklisted and prevented from working in medicine.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 578</p> <p>1 understand the question, the question is if you were</p> <p>2 threatened, why did you give the equipment to Mallinckrodt?</p> <p>3 MR. NOLAN: Yeah.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: And --</p> <p>5 MR. RUTTER: Same objection.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: You know, and -- and I guess</p> <p>7 what I would say is yes, I was feeling threatened, and I</p> <p>8 ended up -- and it ended up that the equipment was -- the</p> <p>9 equipment and lab was directed to Mallinckrodt.</p> <p>10 There were -- there were other possibilities.</p> <p>11 I believe I had a meeting or two with Rob Jarow. I</p> <p>12 believe his -- I believe he had a high level administrative</p> <p>13 research position even though he's a Ph.D. And he was also</p> <p>14 talking about potential transfers of the lab to either</p> <p>15 anesthesiology or other colleagues of his at Washington</p> <p>16 University Saint Louis as a potential landing point.</p> <p>17 I -- I believe there's an email or two in</p> <p>18 discovery with Rob Jarow discussing these things. It was</p> <p>19 directed to Mallinckrodt is what appeared to be at that</p> <p>20 point the best option.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Why?</b></p> <p>23 A It -- you know, I had -- based on a variety of</p> <p>24 of factors I would say it seemed like it was the best</p> <p>25 option for it to be directed to Mallinckrodt and, you know,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 577</p> <p>1 <b>Q You agreed to transfer the equipment to</b></p> <p>2 <b>Mallinckrodt, yes?</b></p> <p>3 A I -- I agreed to the transfer, but I thought I</p> <p>4 was in an untenable position and it was done under duress.</p> <p>5 <b>Q You could have sold the equipment to someone,</b></p> <p>6 <b>yes?</b></p> <p>7 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I would have to</p> <p>9 speculate on that. You know, that wasn't something that</p> <p>10 occurred.</p> <p>11 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>12 <b>Q The equipment had value when you transferred</b></p> <p>13 <b>it, didn't it?</b></p> <p>14 A The equipment did have value.</p> <p>15 <b>Q So couldn't you have sold it to someone?</b></p> <p>16 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I'd have to</p> <p>18 speculate on it. That wasn't -- that wasn't something that</p> <p>19 occurred.</p> <p>20 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>21 <b>Q If you were feeling threatened, why just give</b></p> <p>22 <b>the equipment to Mallinckrodt?</b></p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: Objection to the form of the</p> <p>24 question.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: I believe, to make sure I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 579</p> <p>1 one of those -- one of these factors was that the radiology</p> <p>2 department was not harassing me and bullying me. So, you</p> <p>3 know, I would rather -- I didn't want Alex Evers to kind of</p> <p>4 win top 3D printing core lab from his actions.</p> <p>5 And -- and I guess I would just say just from</p> <p>6 a personal, moral standpoint, I felt that I could direct,</p> <p>7 which I was able to do slightly, that I would -- that I</p> <p>8 would direct that it go towards, to his -- towards control</p> <p>9 by the radiology department at that point.</p> <p>10 <b>Q Did you ask anyone at the radiology department</b></p> <p>11 <b>if they would purchase it from you?</b></p> <p>12 A I didn't -- I don't believe at that point I</p> <p>13 asked them about purchasing it from me. I was following</p> <p>14 Alex Evers' directions to immediately stop research and get</p> <p>15 rid of the lab, shut it all down and, you know, just give</p> <p>16 it to Wash U, to someone, and just focus on your studies.</p> <p>17 <b>Q Which you -- you voluntarily did, yes?</b></p> <p>18 A You know, again, I followed those</p> <p>19 instructions, but I thought I did so under duress. I</p> <p>20 didn't want to do it. I just felt like I was in an</p> <p>21 untenable position. And I -- I didn't want to lose my</p> <p>22 career. I just wanted to be able to move forward.</p> <p>23 And the other -- the other aspect is that I</p> <p>24 talked with Pamela Woodard in radiology and David Ballard.</p> <p>25 And I talked with her, and one aspect of it going over to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 580</p> <p>1 radiology would that be potentially, or what I thought in</p> <p>2 fact would occur is once I finished my residency, myself</p> <p>3 and David, we would be able to run that lab facility, and</p> <p>4 would likely run that lab facility together.</p> <p>5 And that in fact did occur for David Ballard.</p> <p>6 I was -- I was very surprised at the very end when I was</p> <p>7 leaving when they -- when I -- I asked, I can't remember if</p> <p>8 I asked just David or Dr. Woodard, but to see if radiology</p> <p>9 would -- would give -- would make me like a visiting</p> <p>10 researcher like mechanical engineering did, or, you know,</p> <p>11 transfer me over as a visiting researcher and I emailed and</p> <p>12 things like that.</p> <p>13 And the answer was no, they couldn't do it</p> <p>14 because of anesthesia and the anesthesia department didn't</p> <p>15 want it to occur. So instead, they just took my name off</p> <p>16 the website, from the core lab on the Mallinckrodt website.</p> <p>17 <b>Q Let me switch gears a little bit and talk</b></p> <p>18 <b>about your employment after you left the program. When did</b></p> <p>19 <b>you start working at Marek Weisman?</b></p> <p>20 A I believe that we -- I believe that we</p> <p>21 formally incorporated in 2019. I believe it was in the</p> <p>22 spring of 2019. Or was it -- sorry. I just want to make</p> <p>23 sure I give an accurate answer on this. And that was</p> <p>24 when -- that was when I began doing some work with the</p> <p>25 Marek Weisman firm, and it was just, you know, you know,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 582</p> <p>1 positions.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Are you also employed by Marek Weisman?</b></p> <p>3 A I would say that I do work for them, but I</p> <p>4 don't receive any funds for some of the work that I do.</p> <p>5 What I would note, we found -- I believe the firm was</p> <p>6 incorporated in spring or early summer of 2019. At that</p> <p>7 point in time in 2019 I was also starting full-time</p> <p>8 employment at the University of Illinois, Chicago campus,</p> <p>9 occupational and environmental medicine residency program,</p> <p>10 which was a full-time job and residency program. So that</p> <p>11 was the, around the start of the firm.</p> <p>12 <b>Q Have you ever been compensated by Marek</b></p> <p>13 <b>Weisman for the work that you do for it?</b></p> <p>14 A I have not been compensated for the work that</p> <p>15 I've done for Marek Weisman.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Your 50 percent ownership in the LLC, what is</b></p> <p>17 <b>that worth?</b></p> <p>18 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: You know -- you know, again,</p> <p>20 I -- I wouldn't be able to speculate on it, on the value of</p> <p>21 it. So, I mean, you know, as -- as I stated before, the</p> <p>22 Marek Weisman law firm is a small firm that's a startup</p> <p>23 representing primarily medical residents and medical</p> <p>24 students.</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 581</p> <p>1 just -- just incorporated the law firm then.</p> <p>2 <b>Q Okay. In terms of your -- are you a</b></p> <p>3 <b>part-owner in Marek Weisman, LLC?</b></p> <p>4 A Yes, sir. I have an ownership interest in the</p> <p>5 Marek Weisman Law Firm, LLC. It's an Illinois LLC, I</p> <p>6 believe.</p> <p>7 <b>Q Okay. Are you a member?</b></p> <p>8 A I -- I believe as an LLC, having ownership</p> <p>9 would be considered to have a membership share, if I'm</p> <p>10 articulating that properly. I believe an LLC would be a</p> <p>11 membership share as opposed to a corporation that would be</p> <p>12 a stock ownership share.</p> <p>13 <b>Q Yeah. So what percentage of Marek Weisman do</b></p> <p>14 <b>you own?</b></p> <p>15 A I believe that percentage right now is 50</p> <p>16 percent of the company.</p> <p>17 <b>Q And do you receive dividends or distributions</b></p> <p>18 <b>from Marek Weisman relative to your ownership interest?</b></p> <p>19 A I do not receive dividends relative to the</p> <p>20 ownership interest. I don't believe anybody does. The --</p> <p>21 the firm, again, represents medical residents mainly and</p> <p>22 medical students doing civil rights work.</p> <p>23 As you can imagine, those are not really high</p> <p>24 paying clients. There's not a lot of funds that come in</p> <p>25 overall related to that type of work for clients in those</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 583</p> <p>1 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>2 <b>Q Well, it has value, right?</b></p> <p>3 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I don't know</p> <p>5 the value of it. But as -- as -- as I said, and as you are</p> <p>6 probably familiar with from -- from your background doing</p> <p>7 defense work, you know, the typical types of clients that</p> <p>8 would hire a law firm, their capabilities.</p> <p>9 And that's all -- that's what I would just say</p> <p>10 as far as the firm goes, that's really, you know, it is</p> <p>11 what it is as far as trying to have the firm set up and --</p> <p>12 and earn revenue.</p> <p>13 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>14 <b>Q Well, how much did it make last year?</b></p> <p>15 MR. RUTTER: Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: So I don't know how much it made</p> <p>17 last year. That's also kind of a vague question in terms</p> <p>18 of, you know, how much revenue or how much net profits,</p> <p>19 because I know there's a lot of companies that have</p> <p>20 revenues, but net -- net profits are relatively</p> <p>21 nonexistent.</p> <p>22 The firm itself, the structure is we have a</p> <p>23 managing partner who's the other owner, who's the other</p> <p>24 name on the firm, and they handle all finances and firm</p> <p>25 management and everything along those lines.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 584</p> <p>1 My role is just that as a member, and I do --</p> <p>2 I do what I would classify as a lot of, as a lawyer, but</p> <p>3 medical/legal consulting work or providing a lot of</p> <p>4 medical -- working on a lot of medical jargon and</p> <p>5 explaining.</p> <p>6 And I believe I explained during the work comp</p> <p>7 deposition that my time commitment overall on average I</p> <p>8 estimated then was probably about 10 hours a week to -- to</p> <p>9 the venture.</p> <p>10 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>11 <b>Q Right. What's your arrangement with your</b></p> <p>12 <b>attorneys in this case? Do you pay them by the hour or is</b></p> <p>13 <b>it a contingency fee?</b></p> <p>14 A So I have a -- so I have a retainer agreement</p> <p>15 with my attorneys in this case. Are -- are you asking what</p> <p>16 my retainer with say like Henry Elster says?</p> <p>17 <b>Q No, Marek Weisman law firm.</b></p> <p>18 A I believe -- I -- I have a retainer agreement.</p> <p>19 I believe that initial retainer agreement was signed</p> <p>20 between myself, More Law.</p> <p>21 MR. ELSTER: Are you just asking about the</p> <p>22 financial aspect? I just want to --</p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: If it's contingent or hourly --</p> <p>24 MR. ELSTER: Is that what your --</p> <p>25 MR. RUTTER: Is that the question?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 586</p> <p>1 believe, at a -- I believe I have retainer agreements at</p> <p>2 both blended and at contingent rates for my counsel.</p> <p>3 <b>Q Well, here's the reason I'm asking, while you</b></p> <p>4 <b>seem like an ultraistic person, I find it interesting that</b></p> <p>5 <b>you're working at Marek Weisman for four years and you</b></p> <p>6 <b>haven't received any compensation. And I'm wondering what</b></p> <p>7 <b>value you get in return for the work you do?</b></p> <p>8 A And I'd -- I'd like to answer that question.</p> <p>9 <b>Q Please do.</b></p> <p>10 A So the reason I started the firm was because I</p> <p>11 wanted to help other residents that were in positions like</p> <p>12 me. I felt very powerless because of everything that</p> <p>13 occurred, and I didn't want what happened to me to happen</p> <p>14 to others, especially because I think that there's possible</p> <p>15 resolutions much earlier on that sometimes get missed,</p> <p>16 there's off-ramps that are missed, to find equitable</p> <p>17 solutions for everybody.</p> <p>18 And I didn't want what happened to me to occur</p> <p>19 to anybody else. And particularly I was worried about</p> <p>20 other physicians that I had heard of through the grapevine,</p> <p>21 like other medical students would talk where when you're</p> <p>22 being bullied you might hear. And I had heard that there</p> <p>23 were other physicians that had taken their lives or, you</p> <p>24 know, lost careers, going into debt and taking their lives.</p> <p>25 So I wanted to do something to -- to prevent that from</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 585</p> <p>1 MR. NOLAN: Yeah.</p> <p>2 MR. ELSTER: Okay.</p> <p>3 MR. RUTTER: You can answer that question.</p> <p>4 But any information beyond whether it's contingent or</p> <p>5 hourly is privileged and I'm instructing you not to answer.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Okay. I -- I would say my</p> <p>7 representation is at a blended rate.</p> <p>8 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I believe -- I believe the legal</p> <p>10 term of art would be that the representation is -- is at a</p> <p>11 blended rate depending upon -- I -- I just want to make</p> <p>12 sure I say this accurately, but I have a retainer</p> <p>13 agreement, and I -- I believe it should say that it's at a</p> <p>14 blended rate.</p> <p>15 Again, this I have not looked at in a -- in a</p> <p>16 long period of time. I'm trying -- I'm trying to think</p> <p>17 back, because it was an original agreement. So there were</p> <p>18 multiple retainer agreements is, I guess, what I'm saying,</p> <p>19 and I want to make sure that I'm accurate as far the</p> <p>20 retainer agreement.</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Okay.</b></p> <p>23 A But I -- I believe there was -- there was -- I</p> <p>24 just want -- I -- I have not looked at the retainer</p> <p>25 agreement recently, but there was a retainer agreement, I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 587</p> <p>1 happening to anybody else if possible.</p> <p>2 So -- so that was my reasoning to start the</p> <p>3 firm is I didn't want bad things to happen. And, yes, I</p> <p>4 know the -- the irony and my greatest regret is that I</p> <p>5 wasn't able to help my good friend Gary Hammen.</p> <p>6 And I won't rehash that here. But that was,</p> <p>7 as I said, the greatest irony and my greatest regret in</p> <p>8 doing this to help others but not ending up being to help</p> <p>9 one of my close friends.</p> <p>10 <b>Q I'm also curious as to why Mr. Weisman would</b></p> <p>11 <b>agree to give you half of the firm.</b></p> <p>12 A Oh, Mr. Marek, sir.</p> <p>13 <b>Q What's that?</b></p> <p>14 <b>I'm sorry, Mr. Malek. Marsek. Marek.</b></p> <p>15 MR. RUTTER: All right. Hang on, Jeff.</p> <p>16 Objection, calls for speculation.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: You know, again, that -- that's</p> <p>18 something that, you know, that's something I -- I would</p> <p>19 have to speculate on as far as his reasoning and logic</p> <p>20 behind entering that agreement with me. I -- I -- so --</p> <p>21 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>22 <b>Q Go ahead.</b></p> <p>23 A So that -- that's, you know, that's all I was</p> <p>24 just saying is that I'd have to speculate.</p> <p>25 <b>Q Please do.</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 588</p> <p>1 A I wouldn't be able to speculate on his</p> <p>2 reasoning and logic on that.</p> <p>3 <b>Q He just gave you 50 percent of the firm?</b></p> <p>4 MR. RUTTER: Can you -- hang on, Dr. Weisman.</p> <p>5 Can you, Mr. Nolan, explain where the line of questioning</p> <p>6 refers to lost career opportunities or earning capacity?</p> <p>7 MR. NOLAN: Well, I'm trying to understand</p> <p>8 this very unique arrangement in trying to determine whether</p> <p>9 or not he does obtain some remuneration or value for the</p> <p>10 work that he does at Marek Weisman.</p> <p>11 MR. RUTTER: Well, I think that's been asked</p> <p>12 and answered, not just today by Dr. Weisman but also on</p> <p>13 January 5th, 2022, which your client has a copy of and you</p> <p>14 guys have produced. And, again, is this related to his</p> <p>15 lost earning capacity?</p> <p>16 MR. NOLAN: Are you telling him not to answer?</p> <p>17 MR. RUTTER: I'm just asking you, can you --</p> <p>18 MR. NOLAN: No, no, please don't do that.</p> <p>19 MR. RUTTER: -- can you articulate?</p> <p>20 MR. NOLAN: Please don't do that. If you want</p> <p>21 to make an objection, make it, otherwise I'm not speaking</p> <p>22 with you. I'm trying to ask the witness questions.</p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: I'm going to object to the extent</p> <p>24 that you're asking him to pontificate on why Sherman Marek</p> <p>25 would be motivated to do something.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 590</p> <p>1 okay.</p> <p>2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the record</p> <p>3 at approximately 3:07 p.m.</p> <p>4 (Thereupon, a recess was taken, after which</p> <p>5 the following proceedings were had:)</p> <p>6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on record at</p> <p>7 approximately 3:18 p.m.</p> <p>8 CROSS-EXAMINATION</p> <p>9 BY MR. RUTTER:</p> <p>10 <b>Q Dr. Weisman, do you remember yesterday</b></p> <p>11 <b>Mr. Sullivan, counsel for Washington University's</b></p> <p>12 <b>defendants, handed you a few documents in which you used</b></p> <p>13 <b>the term donate in reference to your lab? Do you remember</b></p> <p>14 <b>that?</b></p> <p>15 A Yes, I do.</p> <p>16 <b>Q Can you explain why you used that specific</b></p> <p>17 <b>term donate in relation to your lab?</b></p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. SULLIVAN: Objection, form, leading.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Okay. So the documents that</p> <p>21 Mr. Sullivan showed me that used the word donate, I</p> <p>22 included that term because I was advised to by my mentors</p> <p>23 in academia. They told me that I shouldn't say that the</p> <p>24 lab was stolen or taken from me or it would cause bad blood</p> <p>25 or a problem with me getting a future job.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 589</p> <p>1 But if you know, Jeff.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I mean, again, I -- I mean, I</p> <p>3 don't know why Sherman thinks the way he does on things. I</p> <p>4 can only speculate. He's certainly a unique individual.</p> <p>5 But he seemed to think this was a good idea to go set up --</p> <p>6 set up the new venture in that manner, and he -- he was</p> <p>7 okay with doing that at that time.</p> <p>8 BY MR. NOLAN:</p> <p>9 <b>Q Do you have an agreement with Mr. Marek that</b></p> <p>10 <b>you will basically work for free at his firm in exchange</b></p> <p>11 <b>for him making you a 50 percent owner in the LLC?</b></p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Don't answer that question. Your</p> <p>13 five hours is up.</p> <p>14 MR. NOLAN: Okay. Go back and talk to the</p> <p>15 judge.</p> <p>16 MR. RUTTER: That's fine.</p> <p>17 MR. NOLAN: Play the tape about how he wasted</p> <p>18 half the day giving nonresponsive answers.</p> <p>19 MR. RUTTER: That's -- I understand that</p> <p>20 that's what you think.</p> <p>21 MR. NOLAN: All right. Okay.</p> <p>22 THE COURT REPORTER: Signature?</p> <p>23 MR. RUTTER: We've got some follow-up</p> <p>24 questions. Can we just take a brief ten minute break?</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Bathroom break if everybody's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 591</p> <p>1 They told me to be polite and professional as</p> <p>2 I was job hunting, and not to -- not to use the term stolen</p> <p>3 or taken. So they said to use donated.</p> <p>4 And then, additionally, in some of my -- that</p> <p>5 would probably relate to my CV and some of the documents.</p> <p>6 And in other -- in some of the other documents, I believe I</p> <p>7 was being relatively sarcastic on a grant document where</p> <p>8 they were asking for information about me for the NIH grant</p> <p>9 that department had. And I believe I might have used the</p> <p>10 term there in sarcasm and frustration where I was talking</p> <p>11 about I did all of this work and this and this. That was</p> <p>12 all put in there.</p> <p>13 But I did not mean it in a legal sense of</p> <p>14 donated. I was using it as I advised to facilitate</p> <p>15 transfer to another residency and to get another job.</p> <p>16 BY MR. RUTTER:</p> <p>17 <b>Q Okay. Did you donate your lab that you</b></p> <p>18 <b>brought here to Saint Louis with you from Louisiana?</b></p> <p>19 MR. SULLIVAN: Objection, leading.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I did not donate my lab. I did</p> <p>21 not intend to donate my lab. It was a transfer under</p> <p>22 duress in my opinion, and, in fact, it was.</p> <p>23 BY MR. RUTTER:</p> <p>24 <b>Q In regards to questions that Mr. Nolan asked</b></p> <p>25 <b>you about Exhibit A2, that's your originating complaint?</b></p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 592</p> <p>1 A Okay. Yes, I believe I have that up in front 2 of me.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. That's the original complaint that you 4 filed in this lawsuit, correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes, it is.</p> <p>6 Q And in that complaint is there a demand for 7 your lab?</p> <p>8 MR. NOLAN: Objection, leading.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I believe there is a demand for 10 my lab in that complaint.</p> <p>11 BY MR. RUTTER:</p> <p>12 Q And on what date did you make that demand?</p> <p>13 A I believe that date was when this document was 14 filed, January 18th of 2019.</p> <p>15 Q And then I want to turn your attention to 16 Exhibit A. If you'll pull that up in front of you. Do you 17 recall earlier today counsel for Defendant Barnes-Jewish 18 Hospital and BJC Healthcare asking you about the 19 allegations in Paragraph 1?</p> <p>20 A Yes, I recall them asking me about Paragraph 1 21 earlier today.</p> <p>22 Q And do you know when this second amended 23 complaint was filed?</p> <p>24 A I believe this second amended complaint was 25 filed October 30th of 2020.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 594</p> <p>1 variety of individuals, but I think most notably Nicole 2 Erter in January of 2018. And I told Nicole Erter, as I 3 had also mentioned the similar thing to other Wash U and 4 BJC officials, I told Nicole Erter that I was concerned 5 about discrimination and harassment ongoing to myself and 6 to another resident, a disabled veteran, Gary Hammen.</p> <p>7 And I told them about things that were going 8 on and harassment and events, that I was concerned about 9 things that included disability discrimination, veteran 10 discrimination. And I made that report.</p> <p>11 And I believe Nicole Erter was so concerned 12 about what I said that she contacted the chief medical 13 officer for the hospital to make sure there would be no 14 retaliation against me for the things that I said. And I 15 believe defendants noted that contact in the 16 interrogatories that we received from them, that CMO 17 received that for retaliation --</p> <p>18 (Reporter clarification.)</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Oh, from the defendants. It was 20 noted that Nicole Erter contacted the chief medical officer 21 to prevent retaliation. And I believe, in fact, that as 22 this lawsuit has been progressing, we've uncovered recent 23 and new evidence of retaliation for those statements this 24 year. 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 593</p> <p>1 Q Have you recently filed a complaint of 2 retaliation with the Equal Employment Opportunity 3 Commission?</p> <p>4 A Yes, I believe we've recently filed a 5 complaint with the EEOC in Saint Louis.</p> <p>6 Q Do you know on or about what date that 7 complaint was filed?</p> <p>8 A I believe that -- I believe that date [sic] 9 was filed in 2022. I'm trying to remember the exact date. 10 If there's a document or -- I -- I recall that they -- I 11 recall that Wash U, Joseph Sklansky had responded, I 12 believe, the second week of August to that complaint of 13 August 2022.</p> <p>14 Q And did you name defendant -- defendants BJH 15 and Wash U as respondents in that complaint of 16 discrimination?</p> <p>17 A I named defendants BJH and Wash U as 18 respondents in that complaint of discrimination.</p> <p>19 Q Did you file that charge of discrimination 20 with the EEOC because you believe that you had been 21 retaliated against by both defendants Wash U and defendant 22 BJH?</p> <p>23 MR. NOLAN: Objection, leading.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: So the reason I filed that 25 complaint, I had met with Wash U and BJH officials, a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 595</p> <p>1 BY MR. RUTTER:</p> <p>2 Q And recent uncovering of retaliation, is that 3 why you did not include a complaint of discrimination or 4 retaliation in this October 30th, 2020 complaint?</p> <p>5 MR. NOLAN: Objection, leading.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: The reason that there -- that 7 those complaints of retaliation were not included in this 8 October 30th, 2020 complaint is that many of those 9 incidences and additional information on suspected 10 incidences were uncovered this year in 2022, as recently as 11 the past few months.</p> <p>12 MR. RUTTER: Okay. I don't have any other 13 questions.</p> <p>14 MR. ELSTER: We'll read the transcript.</p> <p>15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the record 16 at approximately 3:25 p.m.</p> <p>17 THE COURT REPORTER: Orders and exhibits, so 18 let's talk about that.</p> <p>19 MR. ELSTER: We'll do a scrunch copy.</p> <p>20 THE COURT REPORTER: E-tran?</p> <p>21 MR. SULLIVAN: I have a standard order. I'll 22 handle the exhibits. We're going to give you the exhibits, 23 and then you're going to share them with Amy Victoria.</p> <p>24 (Thereupon, a discussion was held off the 25 record, after which the following proceedings were had:)</p>

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14 Please find enclosed your copy of the Videotaped Deposition  
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16 in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed is the  
17 original signature page and errata sheets.  
18 Please have the witness read your copy of the transcript,  
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